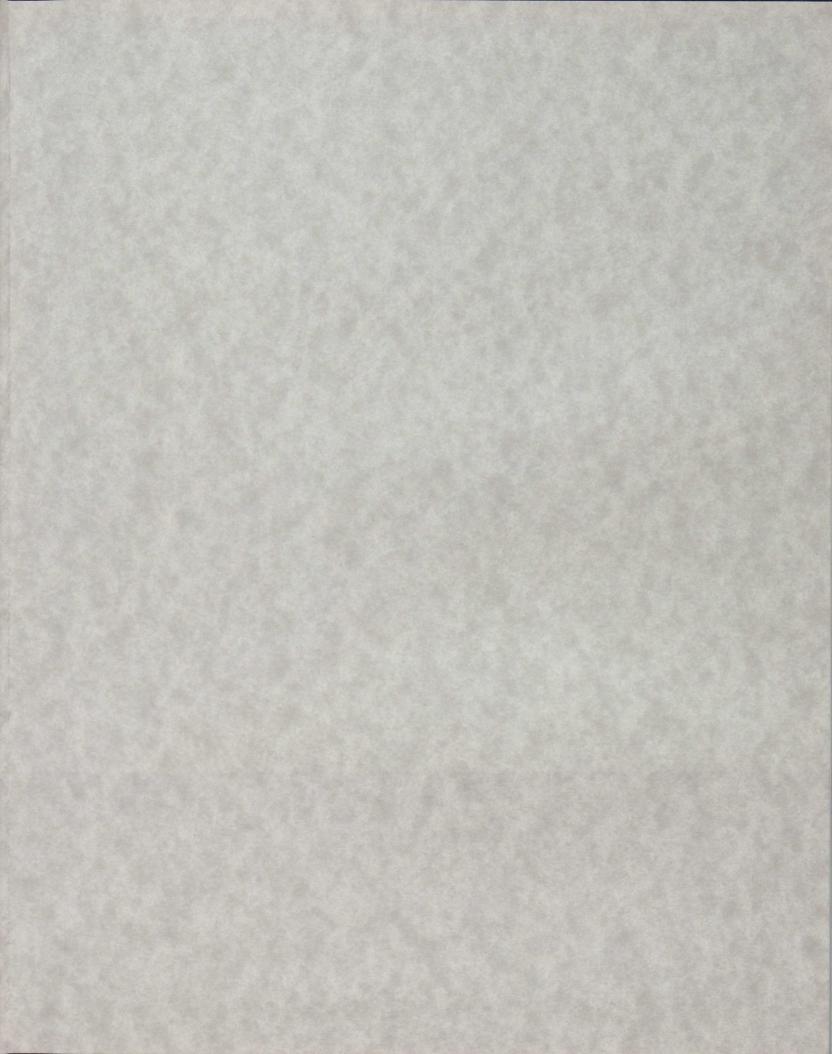
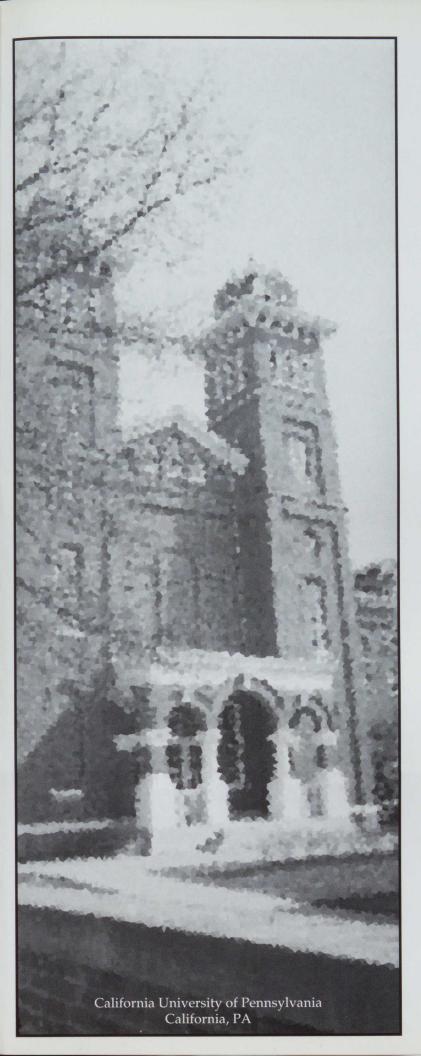


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Towers '97









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A Letter from the President

I am pleased and honored to write this letter of introduction for the California University Monocal: Towers '97.

It is appropriate that classes graduated from this university take with them a concrete collection of shared memories, a memento of what many will someday recall as the finest times of their lives.

University days are, for those living through them, often difficult and trying. Classes are difficult, grades are sometimes disappointing. In college, we fall in

and out of love, win friends and lose them, gain confidence and lose at least a part of our innocence. In short, college is truly childhood's end, for it grants us a last opportunity for freedom while it introduces us to the foundations of responsibility.

On graduation day, all these experiences culminate in a collective celebration of accomplishment, a job well done rewarded. The graduates, their friends and families revel in the joy of completion. They look into the future with hope and promise.

But days, weeks, months, even years later, that feeling may be diminished by the realities of life. They might feel removed from those days when every morning brought a new sun, when every day held a new adventure. At such times, it is not only important, but essential to remember. Such memories give us renewed strength and energy. They remind us that having accomplished much already, we can accomplish so much more in the future.

For that reason, I hope when you look at this Monocal in years to come, you will remember fondly and proudly your days at Cal. Your accomplishments here were just a beginning, and we will always be proud of the contributions you make in the world as graduates of California University of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.

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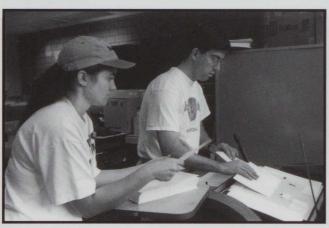
Student Life

You know how it is. Rushing from class to class, taking notes, or trying to...making time for lunch with friends, in between study times at the library and meetings with faculty in a last-minute attempt to understand everything before the test tomorrow. It's like running a four-year marathon. Fitting all the pieces of your puzzling, hectic life into the neat frame of life here at California.



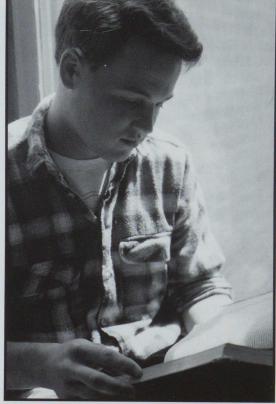




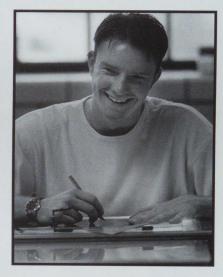


















Residence Life

Welcome, students! Students were greeted with a pleasant surprise when they returned to campus in August – a move-in crew. Over 100 faculty, staff and administrators joined the Student Ambassadors to assist CU students in moving into the residence halls. The Move-In Day program was sponsored by President and Mrs. Armenti and the Student Ambassadors. Each hall sponsored welcome-back activities and gave away refreshments to add to the festive atmosphere.













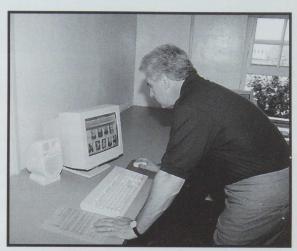
Cheerful banners welcomed residents to Binns and Clyde halls at the beginning of the semester (top left, bottom right). Various members of the university community pitched in to assist students on Move-In Day with the laborious chore of turning residence halls into homes.





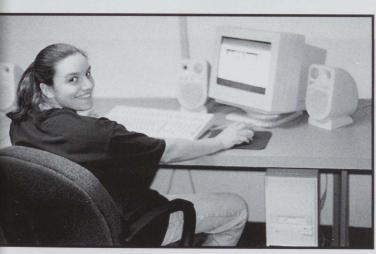


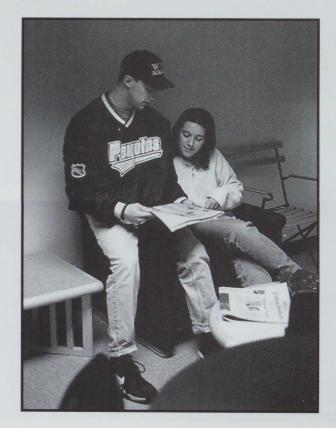
A new offering in speciality housing at California University was introduced in the summer of 1996 with the announcement of CAL Hall, California Academic Leadership Hall. Housed in Johnson Hall, CAL Hall is open to the men and women of the Honors Program and members of CU's many honorary organizations as a place they can call home. The building was fitted with fiber optics and computer labs were added to each floor. The residents of CAL Hall have the opportunity to govern themselves. In addition to providing speciality housing, Johnson Hall is also home to the Honors Program and the university's Office of Residence Life.

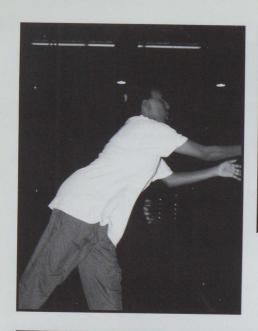




Clockwise from top left: President Armenti carries a carton of books for one of CAL Hall's new residents; Dr. Armenti pauses on Move-In Day to visit one of the computer labs in CAL Hall; two CAL Hall residents catch up on current events in the study lounge; a coed pauses in her work to smile for the camera; students take the time to help each other.













Interresidence Hall week brings the residents of all the halls together in the spirit of friendly competition. This year's events took place during a beautiful week in October. Games included flag football, volleyball, swimming and tug-of-war.





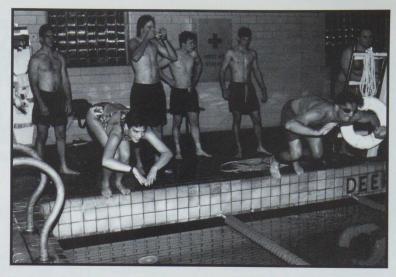














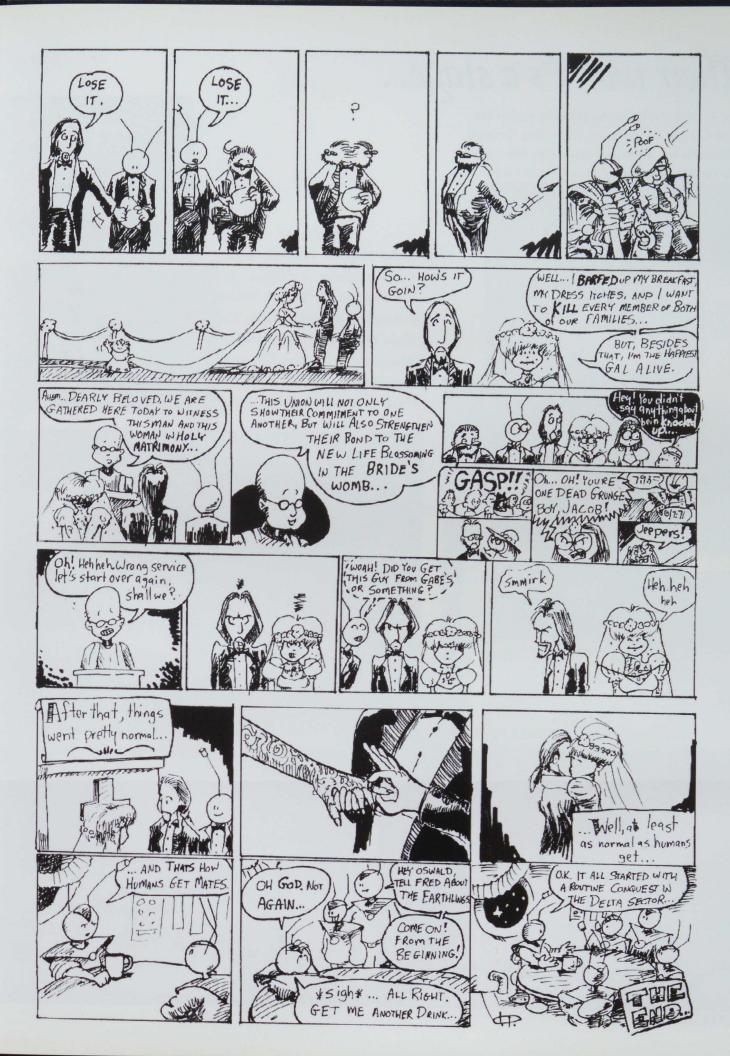
Clockwise from left: Stanley Hall women preparing to deliver Meals on Wheels, one of the many service projects Stanley Hall Council supports; swimmers anticipate the starter's signal during Interresidence Hall Week; area children enjoy the Stanley Girl Scout Hall Halloween Party; CHEERS brings an alcohol awareness program to McCloskey Hall; Stanley Hall collected over 2,000 pairs of socks for the annual Sock Drive; a tiny trick-or-treater at the Stanley Hall Halloween Party.











Their world's a stage...

Every year, the Theatre department makes life here at CU just a little more interesting through its productions. The students, under direction of the theatre department faculty, build sets, make costumes and perform as part of their coursework—and as part of their love for the smell of wood and paint, and of the sound of a hushed audience spellbound by the spectacle.

Dracula



Dracula Cast

Miss Wells — Michelle Sesco
Jonathan Harker — Michael Bard
Dr. Seward — Mark A. Miller
Abraham Van Helsing — Ken Knesh
R. M. Renfield — Jeremy Elder
Butterworth — Gary M. Smith
Lucy Seward — Kimberly Clemens
Count Dracula — Dan Wentzel









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Fools

November saw the all-freshmen production of his Neil Simon play. Billed as a tool for tudent retention, it became a vehicle for new tudents to discover their talents and hone hem. The comedy revolves around a town nder a 200-year-old curse of stupidity, and a rofessor who, by trying to fight it, risks tupidity himself.



Fools Cast

Leon Tolchinsky – Thomas Pecosh

Snetsky – Tonaya Ludwig

Magistrate – Jeff Pettigrew

Slovitch – Matt Winnegge

Mishkin – Jaunai Walker

Yencha – Freedom Lee Rutherford

Dr. Zubritsky – Ben Evans

Lenya Zubritsky – Jamie Lynn Clement

Sophia Zubritsky – Stacy M.

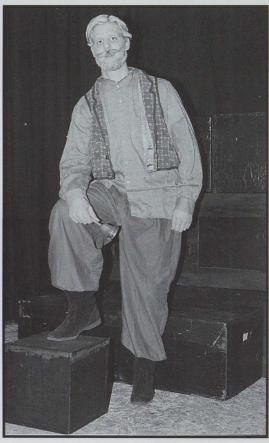
Halfhill-Guzewicz

Gregor Yousekevich – John J. Gillis









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The Nutcracker

They could have danced all night...and often felt as if they had. This annual treat has become as beloved and familiar as Santa Claus to students and residents of nearby communities, and all look forward to the variations Dr. Richard Helldobler incorporates into the ballet to keep it fresh and exciting.













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Just a slice of the very talented cast: Clara – Jamie Farquhar, Arley Nahas

Nutcracker – Ken Knesh

Rat King – Guisana Evangelista

Snow Queen - Donna Marovic

Snow King - Andrew Drost

Arabian Dolls – Kasey Goodwin, Christy Kopec,

Farrah Joneen Lough

Sugar Plum Fairy - Amy Agamedi

Russian Dolls – Guisans Evangalista, Gary M. Smith, Ken Knesh

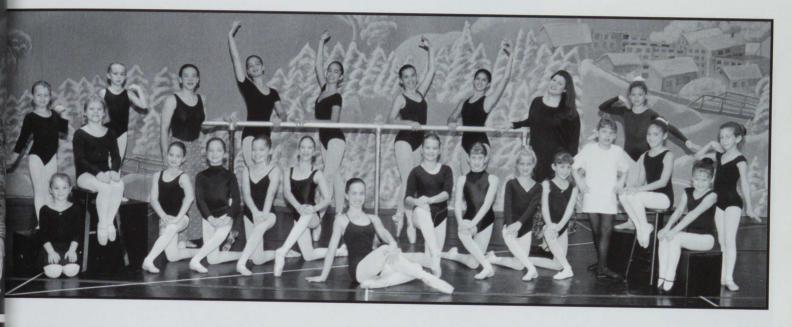
Dew Drop Fairy - Ashlee Stephanson

Chinese Doll – Maria Gismondi

Spanish Dolls – Christy Kopec, Tricia Peton, Ajay Bhandarham, Raphael Maldonado-Lopez

Reed Flutes — Danae DeMasi, Maria Gismondi, Michelle Lewis, Farrah Joneen Lough, Erin Stover, Kris Pramuk







The Spring Gala:

Beautiful Strauss waltzes and American folk music were all part of the evening presented by the Mon Valley Ballet Theatre. Mon Valley favorites Soili Arvola and Leo Ahonen returned to dance with the company to the sultry Spanish sounds of *Minkus' Paquita*. Jenna Lavin and Andrew Drost from the Nashville Ballet danced one of the classical ballet's greats – *The Black Swan Pas de Deux*. Donna Marovic and Richard Helldobler danced to the sounds of Old Blue Eyes – Frank Sinatra.

Pictured from right: Donna Marovic and Richard Helldobler are Strangers in the Night in Sinatra; the corps de ballet from the Spanish number Paquita staged by Leo Ahonen from the Texas Ballet; Cristy Kopec and Farrah Lough were featured in Minkus' Paquita.





Left to right are communidancers
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DeMasi, I Stover, Sherry
Skakandy
Lauren
Nahas, Kakishel an
Lauren
Kelly.





Mon Valley favorites (left to right) Ken Kensh, Kerry Kishel, Gary Smith and Kris Pramuk took us back to old Vienna in Strauss Waltzes.

Ballerina Amy Agamedi nick and Artistic Director chard Helldobler gently altz down the *Blue Danube*.





Barefoot Songs and Wondering Dances was a piece based on American Folk Sopngs with costumes designed by student Joni J. Farquhar.

An Evening of Dance

That's Entertainment!











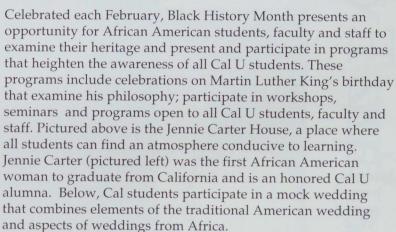




The Student Activities Board sponsors a wide variety of events throughout the year including the movies in the Vulca Theatre, comedy shows, dances and novelty programs. This year SAB sponsored Murder Mystery dinner theater in conjunction with Dining Services.

Black History Month









California Jazz Experience XV



Young musicians experience jazz and U at the same time. Headed by memb of the music department, California's Jazz Experience has entertained and instructed local junior high and high school students as well as Cal U stude for the past 15 years. One of this year resident clinicians, Chris Vadala (belo works with a local scholastic jazz ensemble. Vadala, Director of Jazz Studi at the University of Maryland and an instructor of saxophone at Montgome College, was a featured soloist on the final night of the Jazz Experience. Performing with the 'Burg Big Band, int Performance Center, Vadala and clinic Jim Shepherd rocked the house.

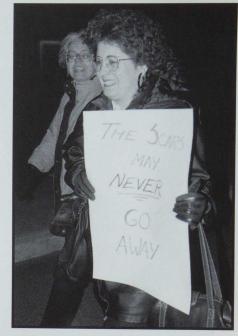
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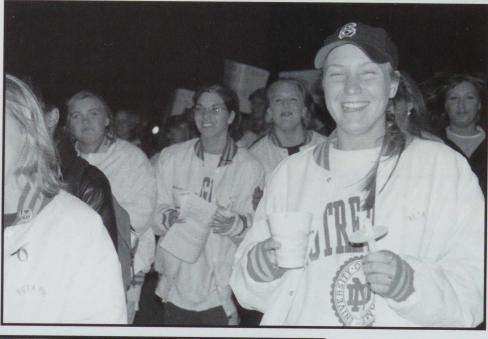




S.S.A.R.T. (Student Sexual Assult Response Team) sponsors a Take Back the Night Rally each spring. This year, the Student Activities Board sponsored Maggie Hadleigh-West, a critically acclaimed filmmaker, in conjunction with the candlelit march. Her film entitled *War Zone*, details the negative effects of public harassment on a woman's sense of security and her struggle for identity.

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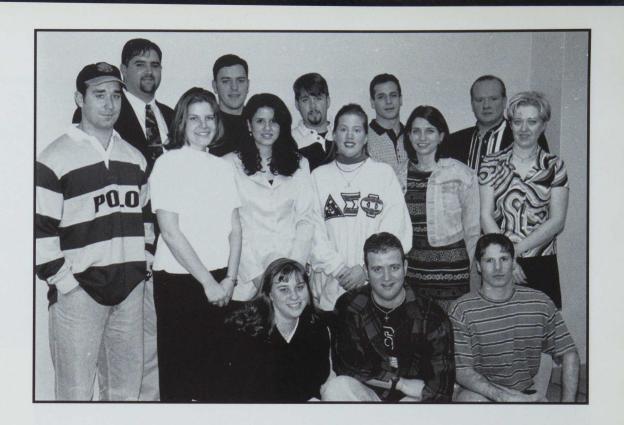
Take Back the Night

Clubs & Organizations



Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society





Graduate Student Association



GSA Executive Board



Council for Exceptional Children



S.T.A.N.D.
Students Taking A New Direction



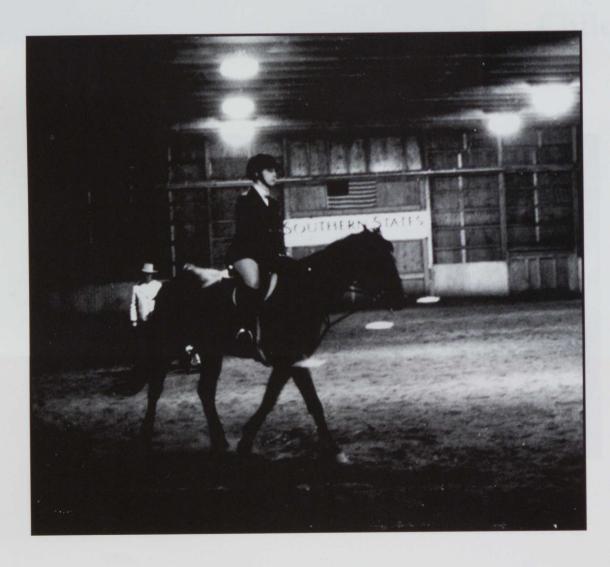
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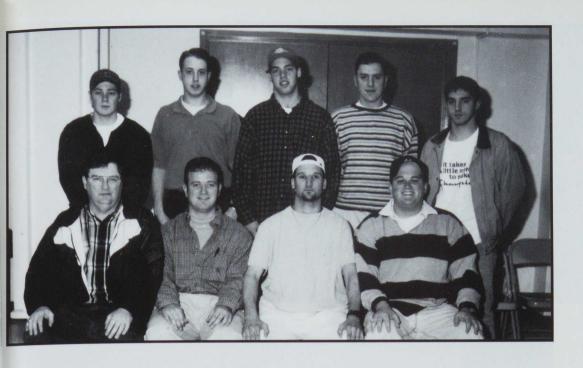


Women's Rugby Team



Equestrian Team





Ice Hockey Team



Geology Club/ ΣΓΕ



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Distinguished Service Award

Who's Who
Among
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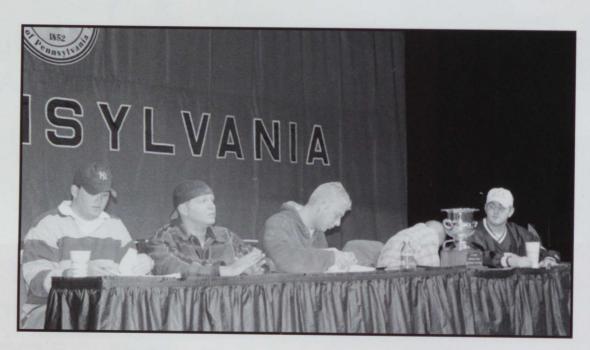
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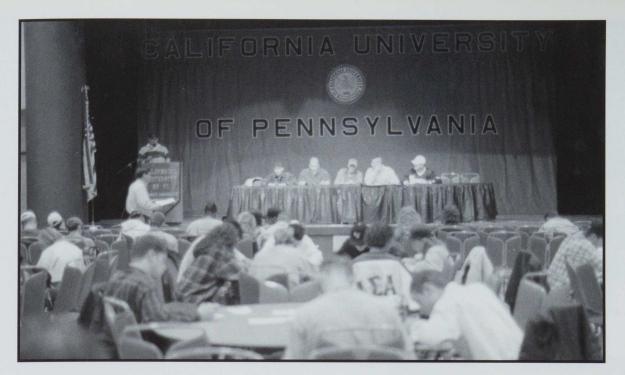
Black Student Union



Student Association, Incorporated Board of Directors



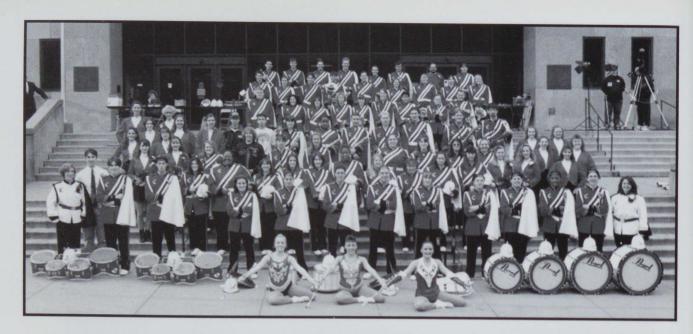
Student Government ExecutiveCommittee



Members of the Student Government class work on a group project.



Student Government Senators prepare for a regular meeting.



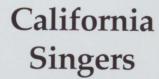
University Marching Band



Practice! Practice! Mr. G., we're already the best in the west!



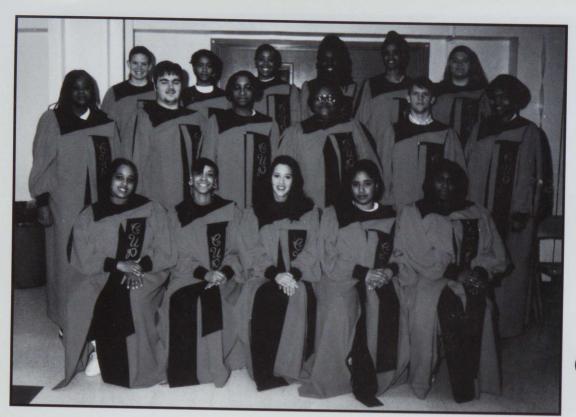
University Choir







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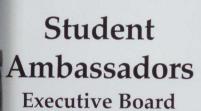
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Student Activities Board





California University Television





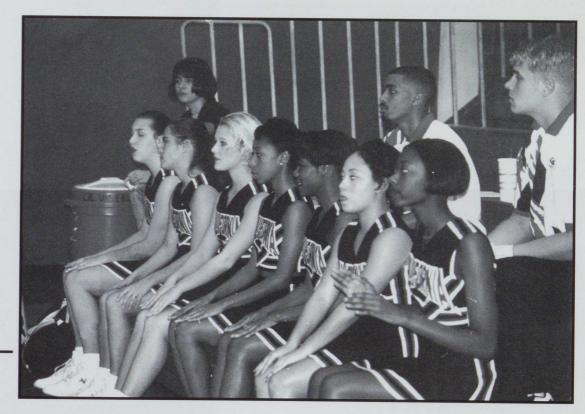


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Cheerleaders – Football



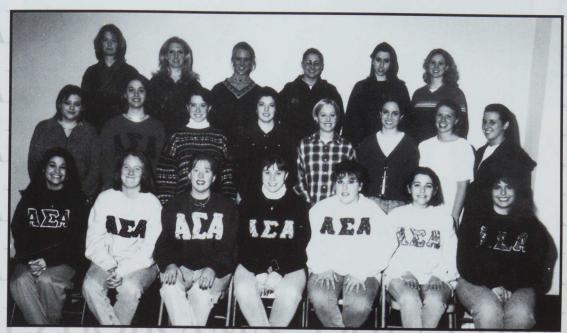
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Greek Life

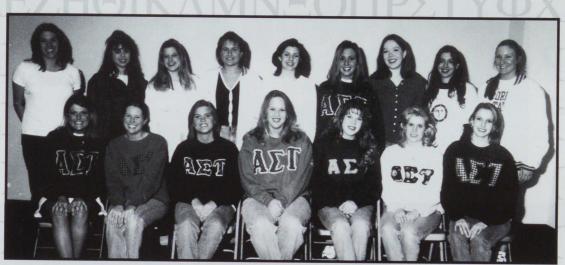


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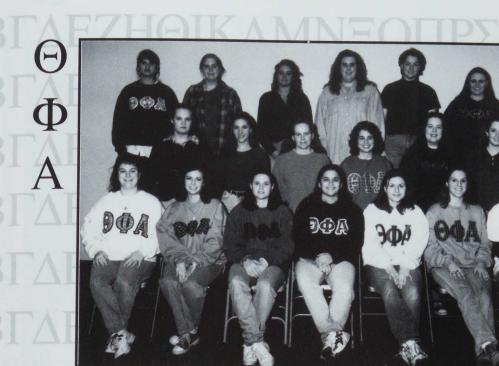




Delta Phi Epsilon

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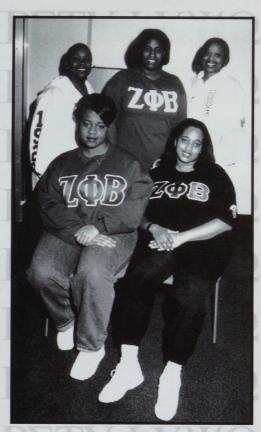
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Black Greek Alliance

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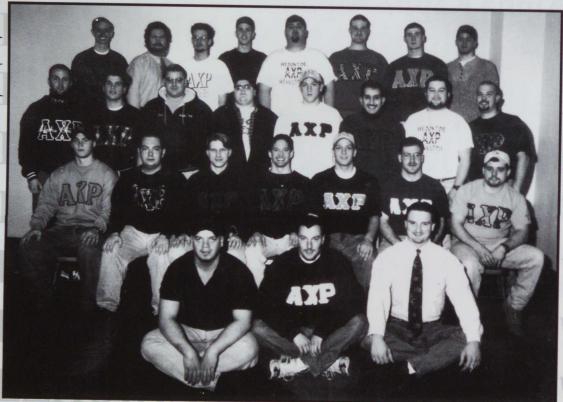
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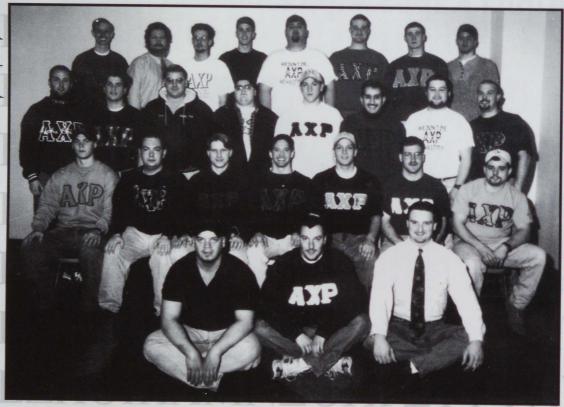
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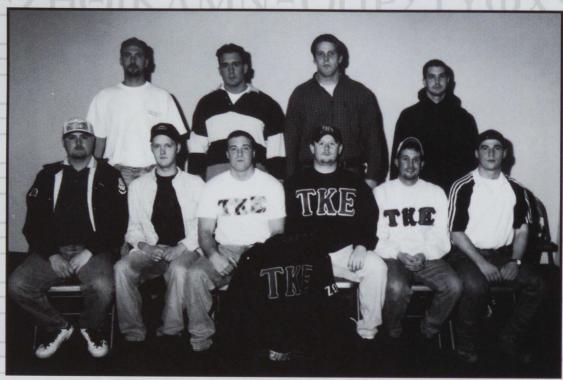
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Phi Kappa Sigma

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ΒΓΔΕΖΗΘΙΚΛΜΝΞΟΓΙΡΣΤΥΦΧΨΩ

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Phi Mu Delta



Interfraternity
Council
Executive
Board



Greek Unity Board

Black Greek Alliance Organizations:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Alpha Phi Alpha Zeta Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Psi Phi Beta Sigma

Panhellenic Council Organizations:

Alpha Sigma Alpha Alpha Sigma Tau Delta Zeta Delta Phi Epsilon Theta Phi Alpha Sigma Kappa Phi Sigma Sigma

Interfraternity Council Organizations:

Acacia Alpha Kappa Lambda Alpha Chi Rho Delta Sigma Phi Delta Chi Theta Xi Tau Kappa Epsilon Phi Kappa Theta Phi Kappa Sigma Phi Mu Delta



Sigma Kappa

Winners of Greek Week 1997:

Third Place
Theta Phi Alpha Sorority
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity

Second Place Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity

First Place
Sigma Kappa Sorority
Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity

Chairmans Sportsmanship Award
Theta Phi Alpha Sorority
Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity



Greek Week 1997

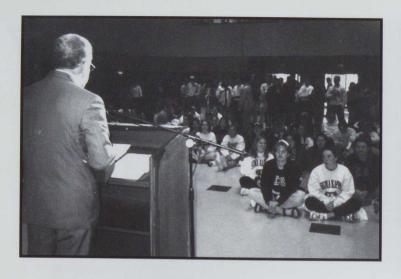
Greek Week is an annual Olympic style competition between the social Greek letter organizations. Some events were sorority vs. sorority and fraternity vs. fraternity, some were mixed teams of sororities or fraternities, and others were co-ed.

Although the weather did not always cooperate, the Greeks enjoyed the week's events. Coordinators Missy Durka (graduate advisor) and Tom Johnson (undergraduate staff) added some new activities including opening and closing ceremonies. Another new event in the schedule was the bowl-a-thon for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Over 200 Greeks converged on Brunswick Lanes on Friday night to bowl, have a good time, and raise money to donate to the foundation in the name of Phillip Davis. Davis attended the event and presented Foundation representatives with a check for \$750.00 See photo-bottom right).



Alpha Kappa Lambda



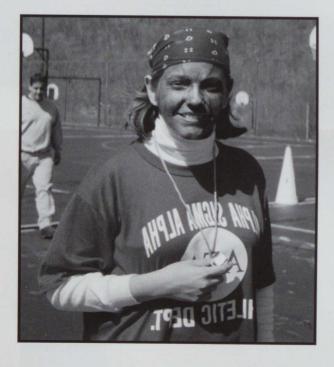


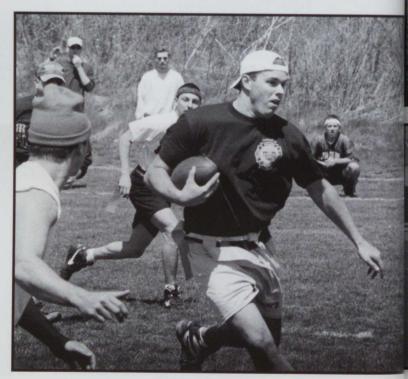


From top left: President Armenti officially opens Greek Week with the announcement of the 1995-96 President's Award for Outstanding Fraternities & Sororities; the weather didn't cooperate – sororitiy women try to keep warm during the softball tournament on Sunday; Delta Zeta members chase the puck during the annual street hockey competition; fraternity flag football competition is always an exciting Greek Week event; Millie shows her $A\Sigma A$ spirit – with face paint.

Facing page from top left: tricycle racer gets last minute hints from her "pit crew"; fraternity member fiercely defends his goal during the men's street hockey competition; this is how you toss a keg; no, your other left; Greeks anxiously await the announcement of this year's winners; AXP members wait their turn to run the chariot race; there is more than one way to toss a keg; sorority skier.























1995-96 President's Award for Outstanding Fraternities & Sororities

The President's Award for Outstanding Fraternities & Sororities is awarded annually by the university president to the fraternity and sorority demonstrating excellence in scholarship, leadership and campus and community involvement.

The first place sorority and fraternity in each category are recognized as well as first, second and third place overall winners overall.

Scholarship Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity

Leadership Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity

Greek Activities
Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority
Acacia Fraternity

Third Place Overall
Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority
Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority
Acacia Fraternity

Second Place Overall Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority Theta Phi Alpha Sorority Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity

Outstanding Sorority
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Outstanding Fraternity
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity



Outstanding Sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha



Outstanding Fraternity Delta Sigma Phi

The National Order of Omega



Installation Class, December 8, 1996

The National Order of Omega is an honor society for members of social Greek letter organizations. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership and involvement in the Greek community as well as in the local community. The Omicron Omicron Chapter at California University of Pennsylvania was chartered on December 8, 1995. The first class was initiated one year later – on December 8, 1996. The second class was initiated on April 20, 1997.



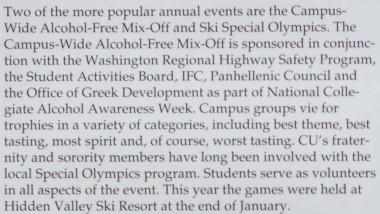
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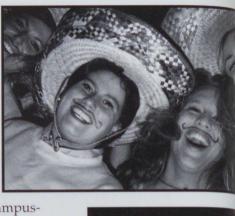


















Scenes from a parade

Few things gather the entire campus together like Homecoming. Voting for the court, decorating floats, painting banners, and finally marching in the parade are activities that allow members of organizations the opportunity to enjoy being a part of something special. And, for those who aren't exactly the organizational type, they too could vote, go to the game and cheer on their fellow Vulcans, or stand by and watch the parade, simply enjoying the spectacle of it all. This year was no different, with the theme of Cartoons; even the campus newspaper got involved.

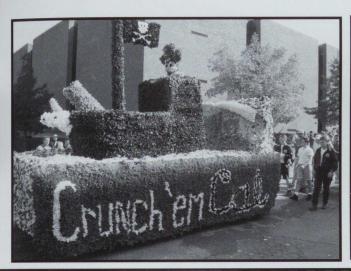
Long live the Queen! (right) King Mark "Squeak" Laughlin and Queen Renee "Red" Tommasin enjoy their first moments in the spotlight.

The Tech Ed. Fraternity (lower left) wows the crowd with a spectacular Popeye float, which had the most moving parts of all the floats.

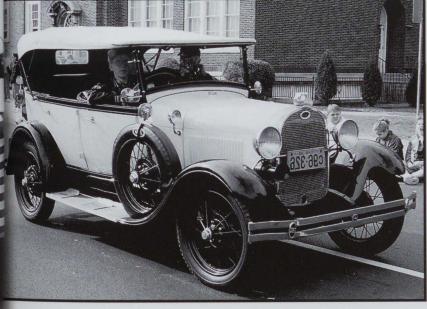
Stephanie Bromhead, Michael Moffett, Mellissa Meehan, Michael Ferguson, Erin O'Toole, Bill Radford, Kristin Mercer and Miah Williams (lower right) gather around their King and Queen.

Owners with their vintage cars and the Shriners from the Syria Temple helped make this parade unforgettable.











Hey, they're Lemmings! (right) Alex Bennett, Nichole Dulin and Jen Sepesy get ready to march in the parade. They chose to dress as Lemmings (after the computer game) to fit in with the theme.

The BSU and BGA (lower right) won the banner contest with this sweet Animaniacs creation.

ROTC (the Color Guard is shown below) led the parade in military style.

The California Times (below right) took second place in the competition.

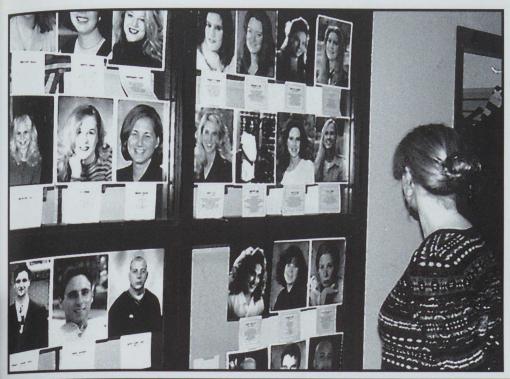








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Submitted for your perusal. This page: A voter studies the candidates for homecoming court, the band and the Syria Temple Shriners added music and color to our parade, while the cheerleaders added to the school spirit.







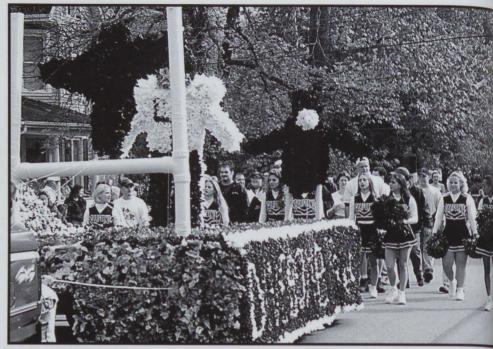


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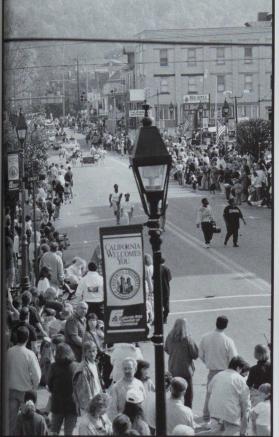
Arthur from *The Tick* (top), Alpha Chi Rho and the cheerleaders brought Heckle and Jeckle back to life, Princess Kayla, Alpha Kappa Lambda and Alpha Sigma Tau put their creative strengths into the Incredible Hulk, and Delta Chi and Sigma Kappa created Speed Racer.









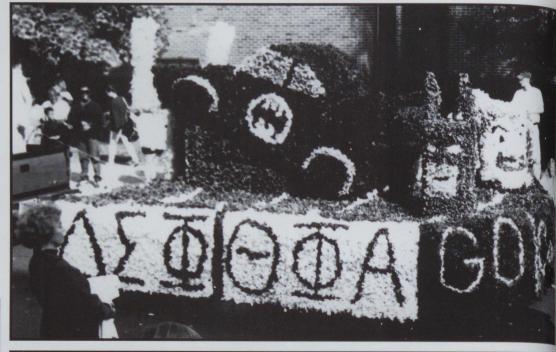






Phi Kappa Theta and Delta Zeta teamed up to create this Snoopy float, the homecoming court takes the field, and the Syria Temple Shriners Highlanders brought a touch of bonny bagpipes to the parade

Delta Sigma Phi and Theta Phi Alpha marched with this cool Batman float, the Queen and her escort take their few moments of limelight in style, the Choir welcomes spectators while the Spooky Specter threatens them with his blade, and alumni Jim Black and Cyndi Braun join senior Dave Eltz on the porch to see the parade.

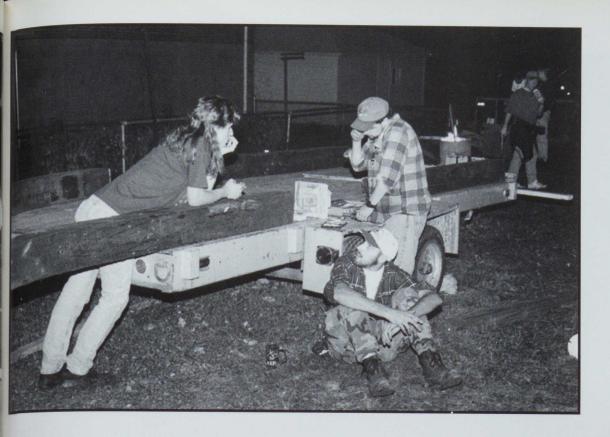












Above: Greeks work together to create colorful floats, and (below) their houses advertise their favorite ladies for Queen.



Memories in Color....

and a few words in black and white

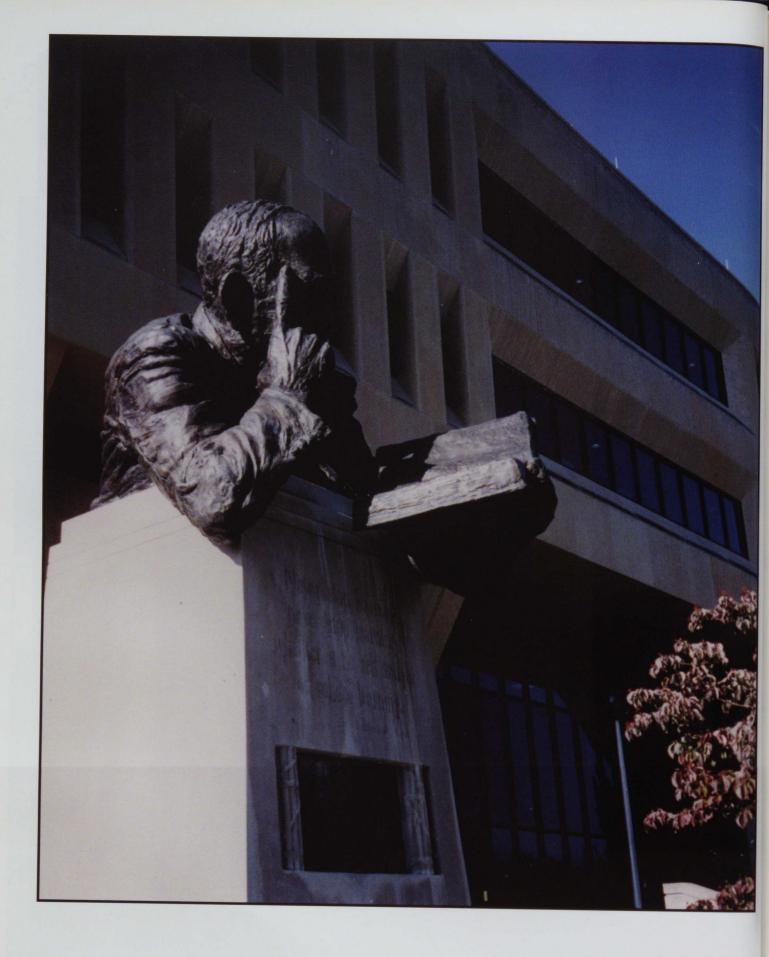


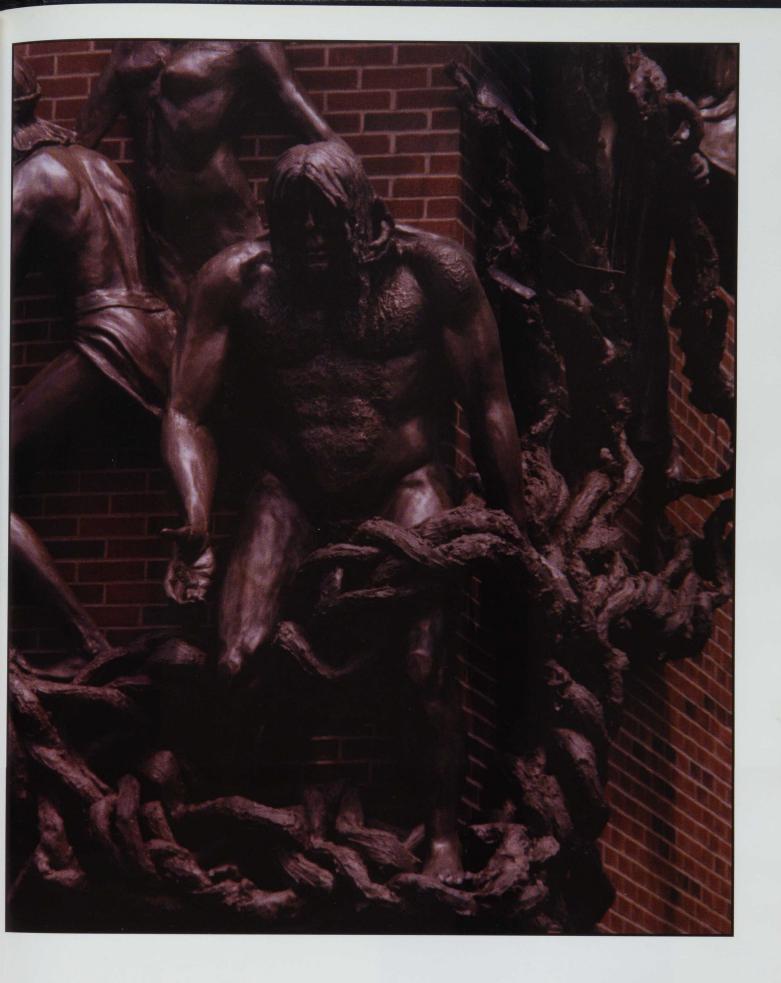
So here we are. Halfway through the yearbook. What memories have been awakened the pictures? What friends have you seen?

That brings us to the Colo Gallery. A collection of pictures meant to evoke memories of wardays walking across campus, to remind you of the curve of the brick sidewalk that leads past to fountain, of how the river looke on certain days, of the campusaits best. Because the best memories are always in color.





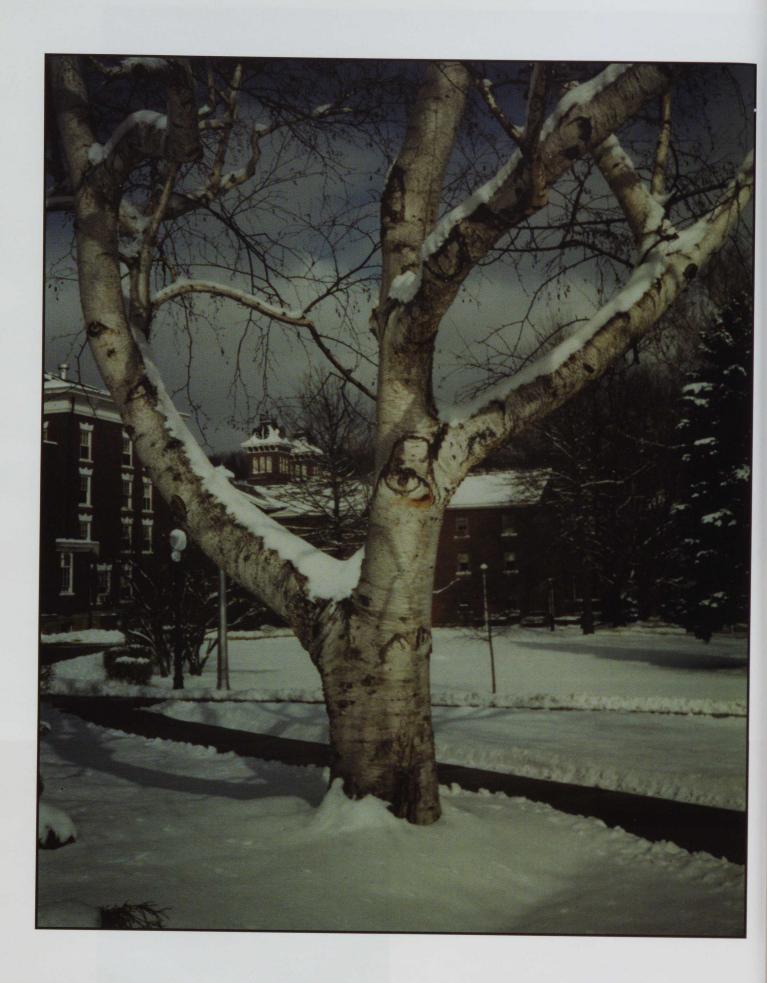














Signs of the Times

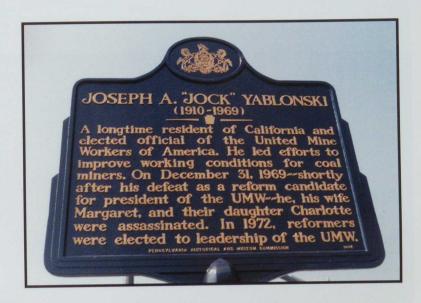










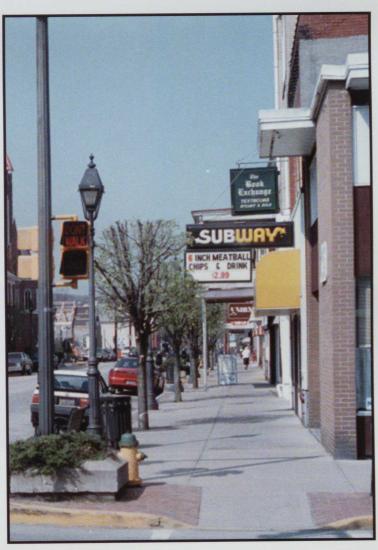








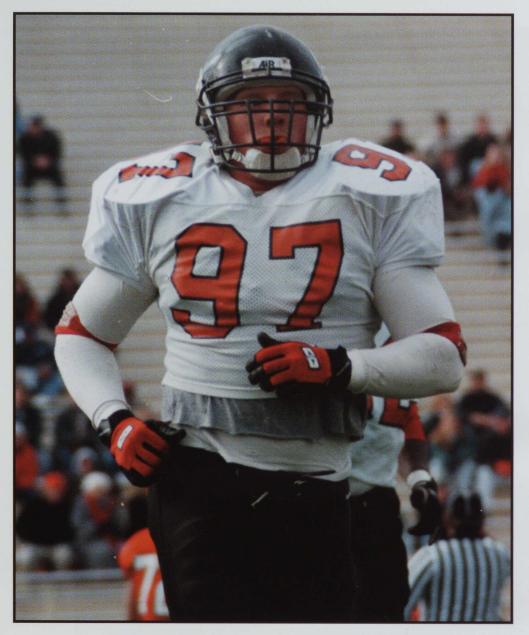


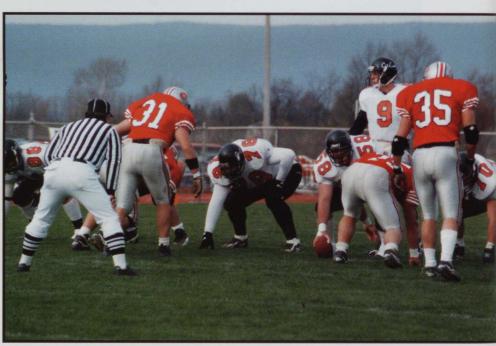


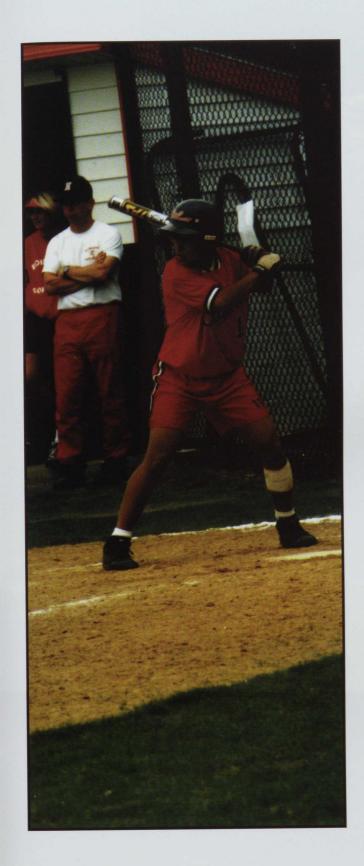






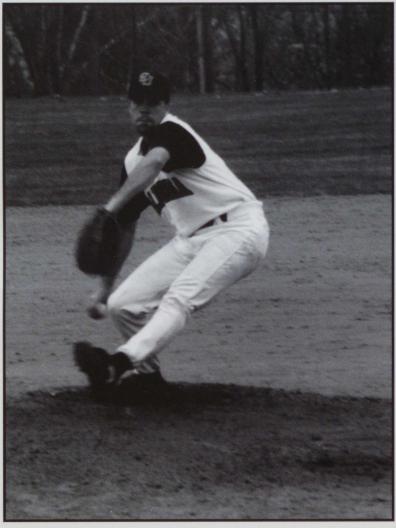


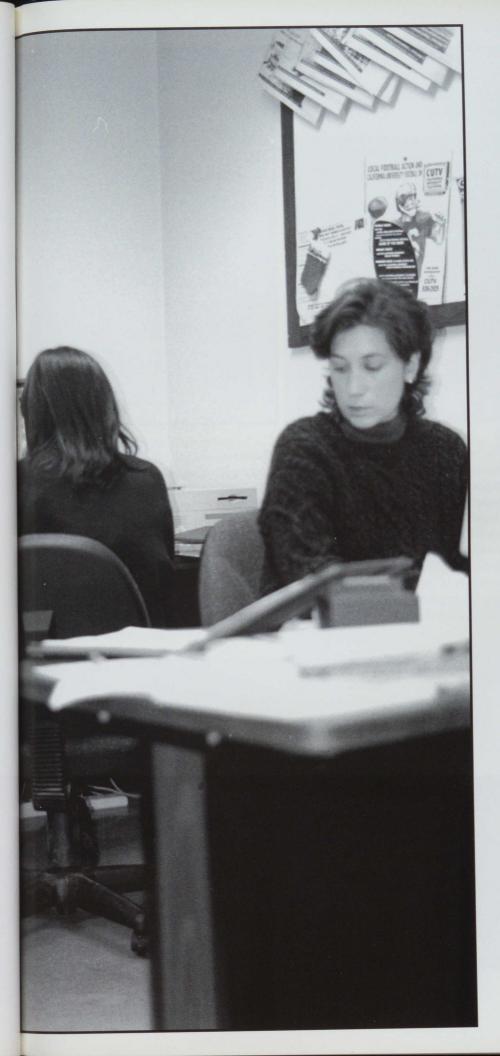














News

These are the Times....

Another year comes and goes. 1996 was a year of fun and learning, hard work and lots of changes. Much happened at California, both on and off campus, so with no further delay, we begin...





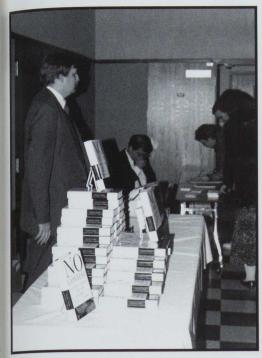


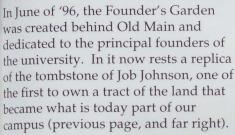


The most important event of 1996 was the election of the last president of the twentieth century. California participated by hosting our own mock election (upper left). Congressman Frank Mascara (left) spoke at the dedication of the of campus site at Southpointe. Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization, visited Clarksville, PA and chose two of three lots to be developed into two brand-new homes. This project helps build better lives for people in need (below Vulcan Theatre presented a premier of Showtime's Hidden in America, starring Beau Bridges. The movie, about a man who loses his job and must face the prospect of homelessness, was incorporated as part of Stanley Hall's sock drive. The Clothesline was a touching tribute to battered women in America. The gue speaker from Showtime introduced the movie Hidden in America.





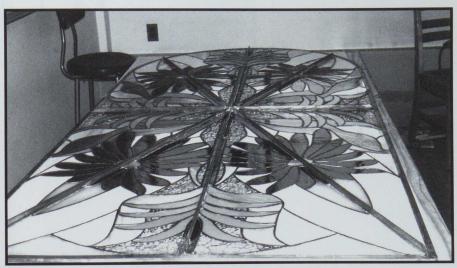


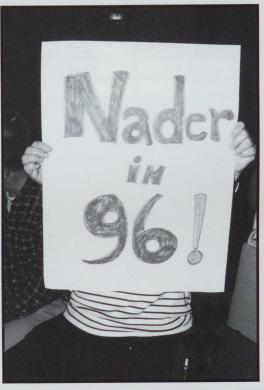


New additions were made to Old Main this year—flowers. Leslie Parkinson, a professor of art, who teaches stained glass, as well as other arts, took on this project after being asked by President Armenti. Her designs, Wildflowers of Pennsylvania, now adorn the windows of Old Main (above right).

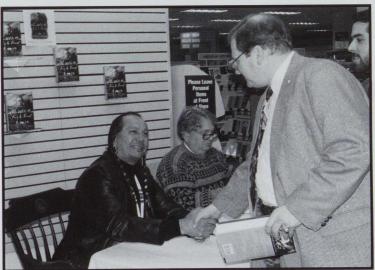
Political activist and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader visited our campus to speak on issues concerning the government, sign books and encourage his audience to vote (above left, and first to the right).

Native American rights activist and star of the picture **Last of the Mohicans**, Russel Means came to our campus, both signing books and giving an enlightening lecture.



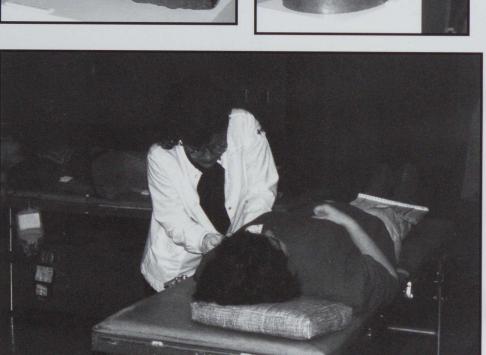


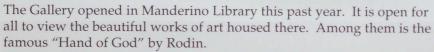








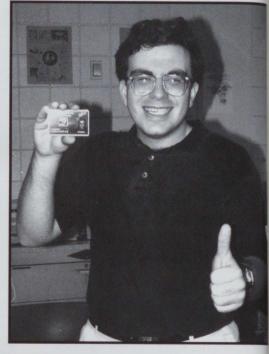




The American Red Cross held several successful blood drives this year. As usual, the students helped out by volunteering their time. Also, to promote better health, a BYOB (bring your own body) fair was held during the fall. Blood pressure was taken, and advice on better living given.

The Cal Card was launched to the joy of many students who were hoping for a better picture.







Workers from Wood Services held an information picket to voice their concerns about the policies of their company (below).

Ms. Parkinson stands proudly over her finished work (bottom).

SSART sponsored the Clothesline in tribute to battered women everywhere (below right).

The student center is under renovation. The floor on the lower level needed to be replaced because of a soil problem.

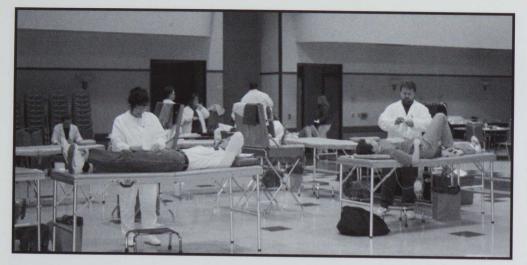












Several times each semester various student organizations and campus group sponsor blood drives for the American Red Cross and the Pittsburgh Blood Bank During these days the Performance Center in the Natali Student Center becomes Dracula's Den. Giving the 'Gift of Life,' the Cal U family steps up.

Fast food comes to the area. Mickey Dee's opened a restaurant and drive-thru off the by-pass at Brownsville. With the expected completion of Route 43 more food operations could turn California into a 'burg of the nineties.





Two landmarks were removed from the immediate campus area this spring. The dilapidated buildings that used to house student but had been vacant for several years were finally removed by the borough. The view approaching campus is much more pleasing with the passing of these dumps.

California Borough is in the final stages of a new building to house the administrative offices for the Borough of California and the police department. Borough Council will hold its meetings in this building as well. The new building was necessitated when the old borough building was condemned.



University to Construct Classroom Building



Eberly Foundation contributes \$2.5 million dollars towards the construction of Cal U's first classroom building in 25 years.

University President Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr., led the traditional turning of the sod during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Eberly Science and Technology Center. The ceremony was conducted on the site of the new facility scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1999. Following the formal ceremony, Armenti encouraged the more than 300 in attendance to use the trowel presented to each attendee and participate in the groundbreaking "as a way of adding your best wishes to this project; this absolutely magnificent project that is going to change the face of this university."

The \$12 million, 80,400

square feet facility was designed by Hayes Large Architects of Altoona and will in addition to classrooms and laboratoriess, house the Eberly College of Science and Technology, the Office of Lifelong Learning and the Department of Career Services. The project is funded by the state, in the amount of seventy-five percent, and the additional funds amounting to \$2.5 million have been contributed by the Eberly Foundation.

In remarks presented during the groundbreaking, Eberly said this is a great day for the university and the students that will use this facility.

Designed as a three-story

red brick structure, the building will contain classrooms, offices an atrium, multimedia auditorium, manufacturing and production complex, and natural history museum. Second and third floors will feature the environmental engineering center, career services center, environmental biomes and a meteorology broadcast studio.

Armenti recognized the special guests present for the program. Among those making remarks were Greig Mitchell, representing the State System of Higher Education; Judy Ansill, chair of the Cal U Council of Trustees, and Charles Keller, the chairman of the Campaign for California and a Cal U alumnus.

Presidential Faculty Award Recipients Honored At President's Gala

Marcella A. Rye Blout - Teaching

During the 29 years that Marcy has been at the university she has touched the lives of many individuals. Her performance courses in Oral Communications, Diction, and Oral Interpretation have provided her students with the skills that have led many to succeed in television, radio and the theatre. This clearly demonstrates the transferability of skills and coursework to lifework for her students. Her students consider her one of the finest teachers they have met because of her enthusiasm, knowledge of the subject, teaching ability, and desire to treat students as special people. In addition, the faculty in Communication Studies unanimously endorsed her nomination for this award. Her teaching ideas have been presented at national meetings.

David F. Boehm - Research

Biology professor Dave Boehm has been studying bacterial pathogenesis for more than ten years. His research is centered on a bacterial toxin and its effects on cells of the human circulatory system. He and his graduate students have used chemical assays and scanning electron microscopy to determine the effects of this bacterial toxin. As a result of his research, he has received research grants, published papers in the Journal of Infection and Immunity, made presentations to the American Society for Microbiology, and several of his students have received awards for their presentations. He is convinced that his research and teaching roles are linked; he is able to use classwork as a source of research ideas, and his research often impacts his teaching.

Stanley A. Komacek - Service

Professor Komacek has provided service to his students, the university, the community, and the state. He has served as president of the Technology Association of Pennsylvania (TEAP) and is editor of the TEAP Journal. He has served on the curriculum committee for TEAP, helping with the development of both high school and college curricula in technology education. He has also helped to develop programs in technology education for the PA Department of Education. As a member of the International Technology Education Association, he has coedited the yearbook. He also conducted workshops for local teachers in computer teleconferencing.





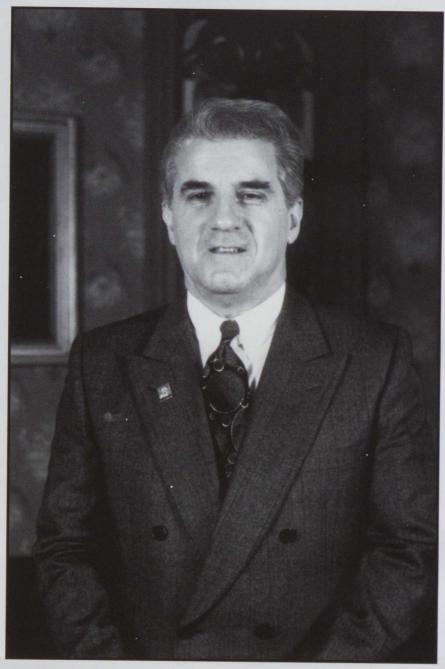


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The President



Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr.



Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey 1859-1952



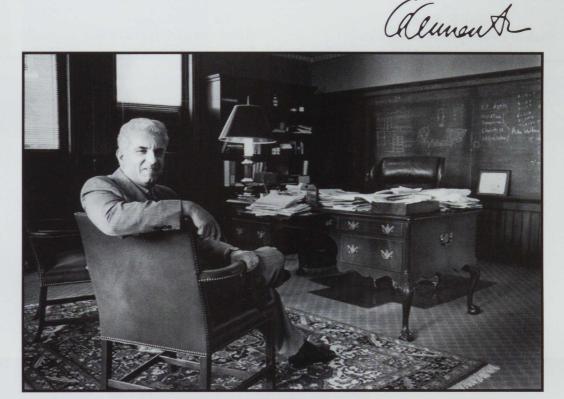
From the president

This year's Cal U Monocal features highlights of the 96-97 academic year, a year of fun and frustration, successes and sorrows that culminated for many of you with our May commencement.

It is appropriate that classes graduated from this university take with them a concrete collection of shared memories, a memento of what many will someday recall as the finest times of their lives.

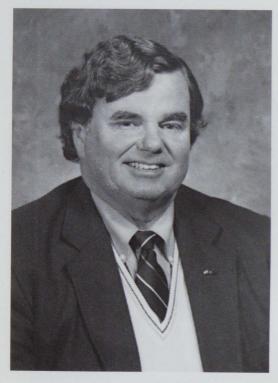
I hope that when you look at this Monocal in years to come, you will remember fondly and proudly your days at Cal. Your accomplishments here were just a beginning, and we will always be proud of the contributions you make in the world as graduates of Cal U.

Sincerely,



The needs of society and the needs of the individual, when taken together define the role of, and need for, education in human society. This intertwining of societal and individual needs accounts for the involvement of society in the education of individuals throughout history.

Angelo Armenti, Jr. Installation Address, April 3, 1993.



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Mr. Richard Webb, University Advancement

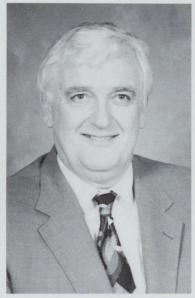






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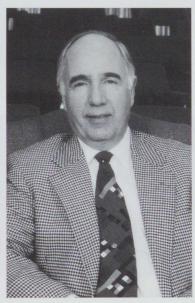


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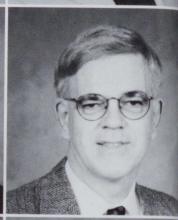
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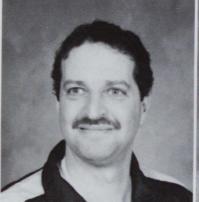


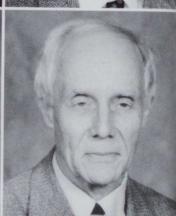
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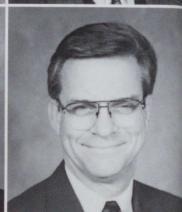
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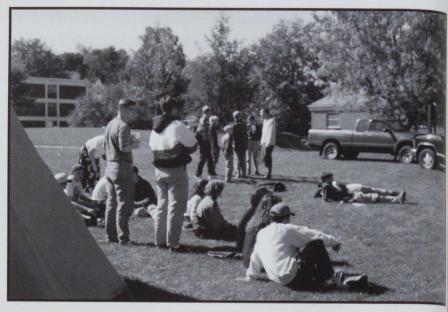
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Family Day

Family Day is an annual event focused on Cal students and their families. Family Day 1996 took on a different look from days past. The Mainstage featured a variety of entertainment by students, faculty and staff. Some families, accompanied by faculty and staff, ventured off campus to various local attractions. The day's activities also included soccer games, the Picnic in the Park, story telling by students from the education department and, of course, the football game. Clockwise: students and guests relax on the Student Center lawn, enjoying the Mainstage entertainment; a family catches up on the latest news; faculty, staff, students and their guests gather at the University Park to enjoy traditional picnic fare before the football game; Paul Fazio, a member of the University family, with his son Vinnie at the Picnic in the Park.









Academic Discovery Day

Academic Discovery Day is an opportunity for prospective students to visit California University and to discover what we have to offer. This event, traditionally held once each semester, took on a new look during the 1996-97 year. In addition to Discovery Day on campus, we took the show on the road. Cal U representatives traveled to Dixon University Center in Harrisburg, and to the Valley Forge Hilton to meet with prospective students from the east.

The on-campus Discovery Day events included tours of campus, an information fair featuring clubs and organizations, and meetings with representatives from academic departments. Some departments conducted demonstrations for our visitors.











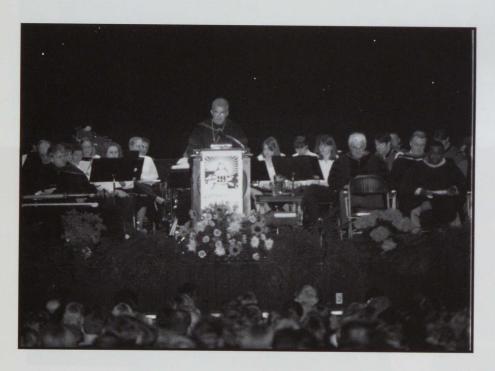


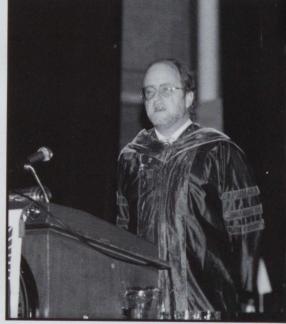
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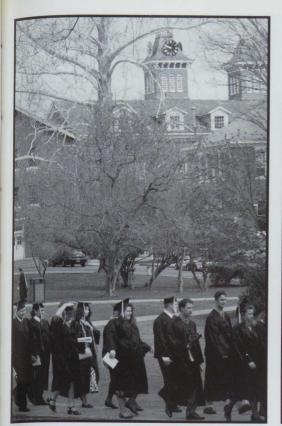
Among the speakers at the Presidential Scholars Honors Convocation were (from left)Mary Bedner, who spoke for the seniors; Loren Sims, who spoke for the juniors; Kenneth Dowler, who received the Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and Teresa Engler speaking for the graduate scholars.

Dr. Kenneth Wayne Dowler, (at right) a graduate of Cal U who earned a bachelor's (1974) and a master's (1980) degree in biology, was awarded the Alumni Professional Achievement Award. Dowler said "I owe a great deal to California University." Holding a Ph.D. in microbiology and a degree in osteopathic medicine, he credited Cal "with starting the ball rolling."



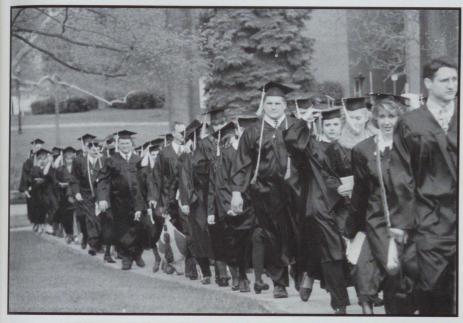


President Armenti addressed the 650 graduate and undergraduate students and recognized their hard work and committment to excellence. He welcomed family and friends and awarded them honorary PHT (Pushed him/her through) degrees.



150th Commencement





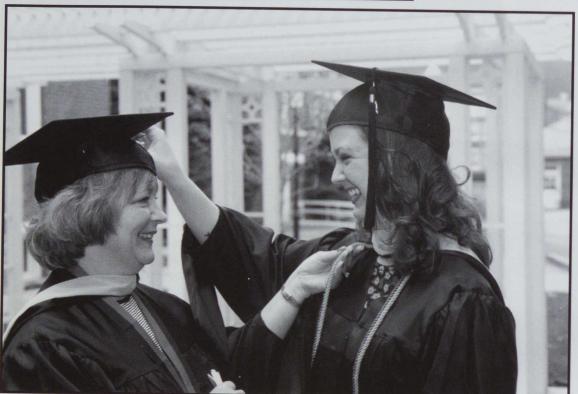
California University of Pennsylvania held its 150th Commencement in Hamer Hall on Saturday, May 3. President Angelo Armenti, Jr. conferred over 1,200 degrees during the ceremony. The Class of 1997 continued the tradition of a final trip down Senior Walk on the way to Hamer for commencement. Once again, the rain held off until everyone was in the gym but the wind made the walk across campus a bit difficult!

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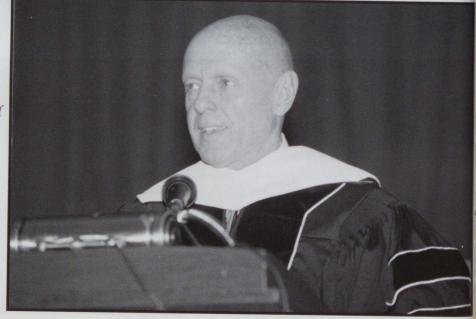




From top left: The University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ellen Michael, performs during the graduation ceremonies. Family and friends gather on Hamer patio to congratulate the class of 1997. Mother and daughter straighten each other's stole as they prepare to receive their masters degrees together! Stephen R. Covey, author of the NY Times best-seller The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, was recognized with a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa. Covey also addressed the soon-to-be graduates and their guests.

By centering our lives on correct principles and creating a balanced focus between doing and increasing our ability to do, we become empowered in the task of creating effective, useful, and peaceful lives. . . for ourselves, and for our posterity.

-Stephen R. Covey



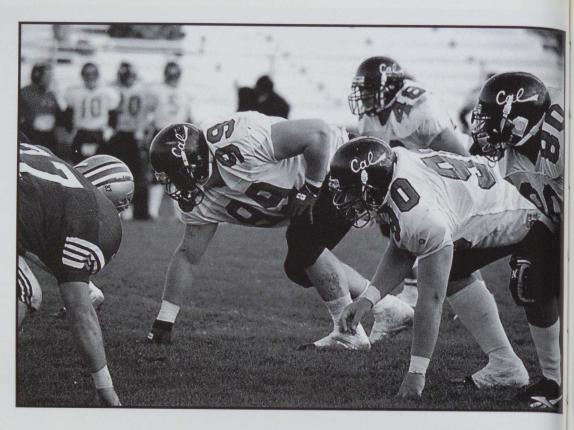




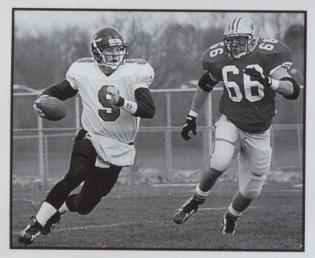
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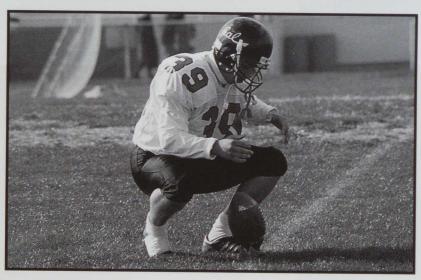
Despite winning only two games, the 1996 Vulcan football team had more than its share of individual and team accomplishments as Adamson Stadium presented Cal football under the lights for the second year. Cal's 2-0 start was the Vulcans' best start since 1986 and an inspired defense never rested, recording a schoolrecord 45 sacks. John Vyborny, Ernest Bryant, Jeff Lowden, Russ Frederick, Ron Simpson and Justin Spangler earned allconference honors. At season's end, fourth-year head coach Kevin Donley resigned and defensive coordinator Mike Kolakowski was named to the position.



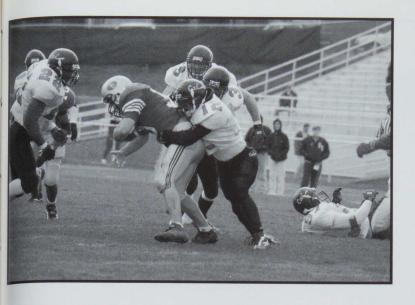


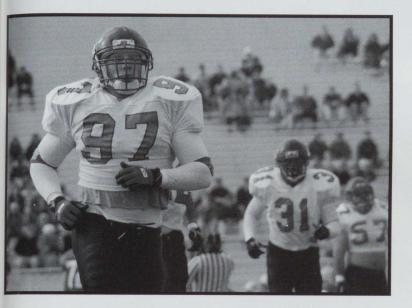


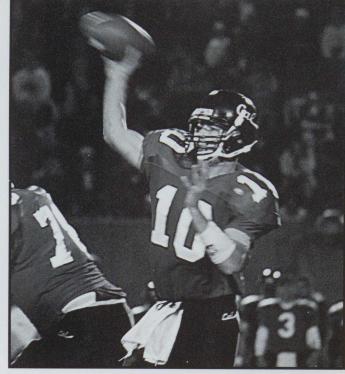






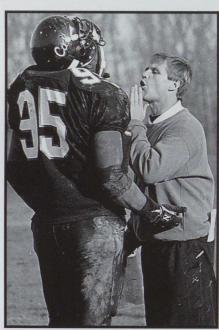






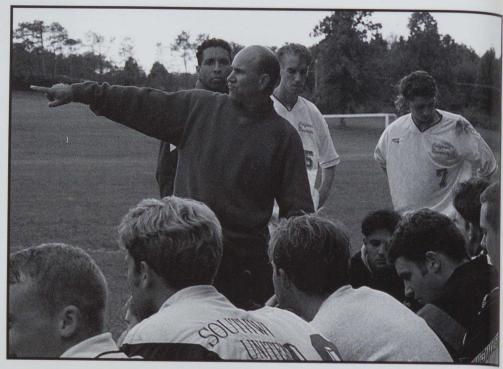
Opposite page: John Vyborny (99) and Barry Kralik (90) confront Shippensburg. Linebacker Ernest Bryant (22) led Cal with 127 tackles. Brian Cavanaugh (9) was one of 10 Vulcans on the A.D. honor roll for the fall semester. Freshman wide receiver Jim Kubina (83) was Cal's third-leading receiver while freshman placekicker Josh Gray (39) was second in scoring. All-PSAC punter Jeff Lowden, pictured with coach Bruce Owens, was named an All-American by Successful Farming magazine. This page: Safety Aaron Hutter (12) brings down a Red Raider. Mike Yurcich (10) passed for nearly 1,700 yards and defensive end Russ Frederick (97) had 11 sacks. Cal's senior class. Mike Kolakowski, instructing end Calvin Brown, will call the shots in 1997.

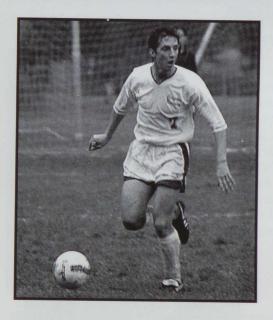




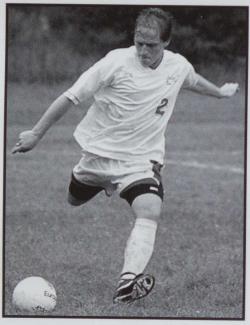
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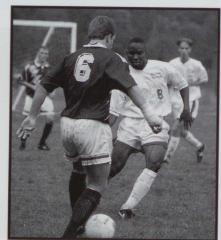
Injuries, close defeats and athleticism describe both soccer teams' 1996 seasons. Nine of the men's 16 defeats were by one goal. Senior Roger Gordon concluded his stellar career as Cal's all-time leading scorer and earned all-conference honors along with impressive underclassmen Omar McPherson and Jozef Petricko, who was also an all-region pick. The women's team produced six victories and featured junior defender Audrey Dawson, who was named All-American and earned All-PSAC honors for the third straight year. Junior midfielder Lindsey Ferry led the team in scoring with 24 points while freshman forward Amy Chapman totaled 18 points. Two-thirds of Cal's 21-woman roster consisted of freshmen or sophomores, leaving a bright future ahead for coach Dennis Laskey.





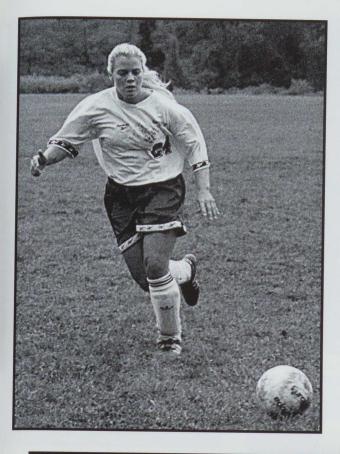
















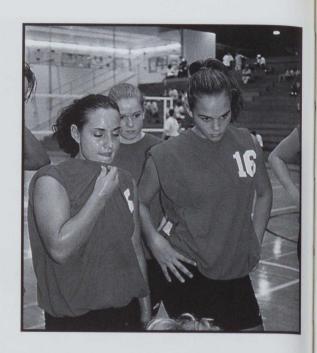


Opposite page: Head Coach Dennis Laskey has pointed Cal soccer in the right direction since 1984. Josef Petricko's (7) first season was one with an immediate impact. Steady sweeper Neil Henehan (2) provided leadership all season while speedy Courtney Wright (10) kept opponents on the alert. Scoring leader Omar McPherson (8) always seemed to be around the action and Roger Gordon (6) eluded countless opponents over the past four years. Team captain Joe Bosley's broken leg typified both team's hard luck. This page: Soccer excellence in motion, Audrey Dawson was Cal's lone '96 All-American. One of only three seniors, Bobbi Burton (above) more than held her ground in 1996. Sophomore midfielder Kathy Poskie was one of 14 underclassmen who could put Cal ahead of the PSAC soccer pack in future seasons. Senior defender Nicole Saggio (6) jostles an opponent for control while junior Lindsey Ferry's tough and exciting style made her the team's leading scorer.



Women's Volleyball

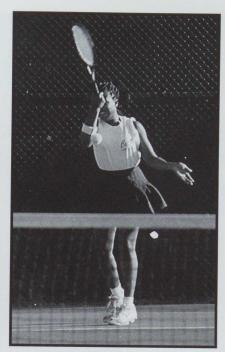
Improving as the season progressed, the Lady Vulcan women's volleyball team won 12 of its final 18 matches to finish with a 19-16 overall record which gave Cal its fifth winning season in six years. One of the season's many highlights came back in early October when Cal went 4-0 and won the CMU tournament. Junior setter Kim Baker's all-round consistent play enabled her to be named to the all-tournament team at three events – the Cal Preview, Charleston and CMU tourneys. Baker and senior Marla Hawbaker were both GTE CoSida Academic All-American nominees and one of the bright spots during the conference season was a two-match sweep of nearby rival IUP. Cal, under the direction of fourth-year head coach Karen Fetsko, returns 13 veterans in 1997. "The team is eager to work out in the off-season and there is no reason why we cannot begin next season in the same strong way that we finished this one," Fetsko said after the victorious season finale at IUP. Right: Junior outside hitter Jenn Valeriote (9) and freshman middle hitter Julee Jacobs ponder the situation. Tara Douglas (17) and her teammates prepare for Slippery Rock's serve while the Cal bench eagerly awaits the next volley.



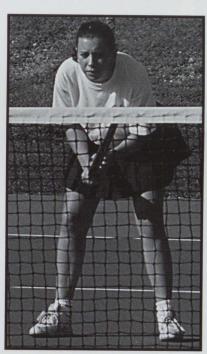






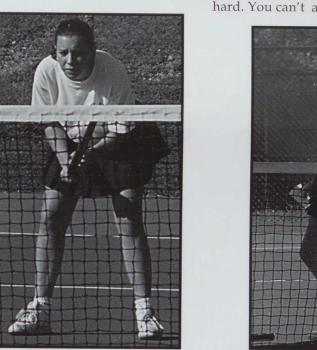






Women's Tennis

With the emphasis being on fun and participation, the 1996 women's team finished with two victories in their final three matches for a 2-5 overall record. The Vulcan netters' two triumphs were impressive home wins over Edinboro (5-2) and Fairmont State (7-0) and the eightwomen roster consisted of: Kristy Bronson, Rachel Clark, Martha Hall, Maggie Hindie, Megan Musolino, Megan Osterling, Karen Sutch and Carmen Welker. Cal also enjoyed its best showing at the PSAC tourney since 1993 as Hall and Hindie both won matches in singles competition while Hindie and Osterling teamed up for a win in doubles play. Third-year head coach Mike Quinn was quite pleased with the performance of his hard-working team that loses just two seniors (Hindie and Welker) heading into 1997. "Our main goal this year was to show improvement," said Quinn, who has also been instrumental in developing the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Youth Schools Program in several school districts in the Mon Valley, including California and Ringgold. "Every time we stepped on the court we got better and the women played hard. You can't ask for more that."



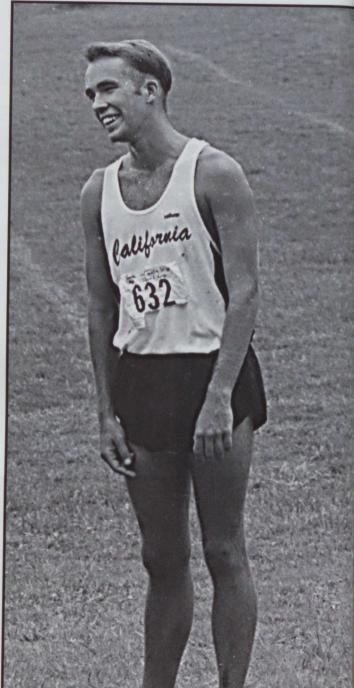


Cross Country



"We're excited even though we didn't have a great finish. When you take a look at next season and the people we have returning, we look good." So said Cal second-year cross country coach Ron McMichael about the 1996 season. The men's team finished 23rd at the NCAA East Regional with Kevin Anderson (74th), Bob Flanigan (94th) and Rick Brandt (129th) the top finishers. The women finished 32nd with Amy Trefsger (134th), Carey Miller (171st) and Christie Scheetz (179th) leading the way. At the PSAC Championships, Brandt and Flanigan paced the men's side by placing 49th and 51st respectively, while the women's top runners at the state meet were Trefsger (68th) and Miller (72nd).



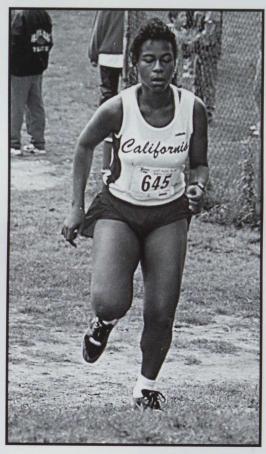




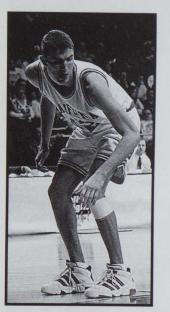
Opposite page: Sophomore Kevin Anderson was one of many underclassmen thrown into the breach of competition (top). Rick βrandt, another promising sophomore, finished 29th at Cal's 25th Annual Invitational (bottom left). Being one of Cal's top finishers at every meet gave sophomore Bob Flanigan plenty of reason to smile (below right). This page: Senior Amy Trefsger concluded her solid career by placing at both the PSAC's and East Regional as well as winning the LaRoche Invitational with a course record time of 21:30 (above). Junior Jolene Clark shaved a minute off her personal best time at the PSAC meet last October (above right). Freshman Carrie Gibson was Cal's second highest finisher at the IUP Invitational by placing 51st overall (below left). Junior Nicole Bennett looks for the final kick at Cal's own Invitational, which featured over 800 athletes from 20 colleges and 25 high schools.







Men's Basketball

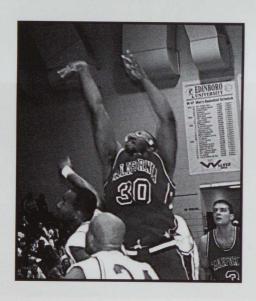


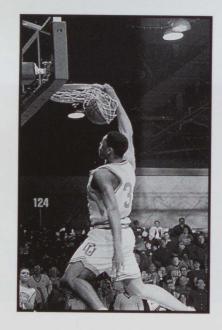
Poised to rebound, Eric Watson (left) led the PSAC with 50 blocked shots. Middle Left: Shea Fleenor defends his man in the PSAC semifinals. Middle: Instructing the team at Edinboro, first-year head coach Bill Brown guided Cal to an 11th straight winning season. Middle right: Smooth Vinny Graham was a unanimous selection for '97 PSAC-West Rookie of the Year. Lower left: Often, Robert Jones rose above the oppositon as he received first-team All-PSAC honors for the second straight year. Lower middle: First team All-PSAC post player Derrick Scott thrilled Hamer crowds with monster slams. Lower right: Serious and swift, Reon Nesmith handled the demanding point guard position. The Vulcans (17-11) won their final five regular season games to finish second in the PSAC-West and reach the PSAC playoffs for the seventh straight year. During that five-game stretch, Cal outscored its PSAC-West rivals by an 88-66 average. Seemingly doomed with a seven-point halftime deficit at Edinboro on the regular season's final night and facing playoff elimination, Cal opened the second half with a 23-3 run to again reach the post-season promised land. The Vulcans defeated West Chester 91-79 at home before falling to eventual PSAC champion Mansfield in the PSAC semifinals on the road, 91-75. Seniors Derrick Scott and Robert Jones finished their brilliant careers as Cal's sixth and 12th career-leading scorers while Scott earned All-PSAC honors for the third straight year. Cal's other senior in 1996-97 was guard Matt Kerns. Junior Shea Fleenor rounded out Cal's starting five along with Jones, Scott, Nesmith and Graham. With Watson, sophomores Stewart Davis, Jimmy Arnold and junior Dontay Hardnett gave solid off-the-bench efforts.

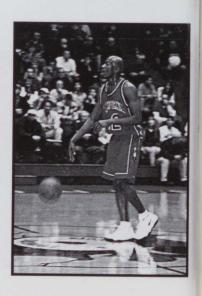












Women's Basketball



Kelli Torboli's (top left) fierce inside play helped her receive first-team All-PSAC honors. Middle Left: Shalonda Washington played her way into the starting lineup by early December and averaged 10 points a game. Middle: Second-year head coach Tom Kendall guided Cal to its second best PSAC-West showing in history (8-4). Middle Right: Lisa Briggs was named the PSAC-West Player of the Week after leading Cal to an upset of nationally ranked Shippensburg in mid-February. Bottom Left: Always in the midst of the action, Tricia Hrinda (31), three-year starter, was an all-conference selection. Bottom Middle: Freshman Jackie Presley gave Cal needed stability at point guard. Bottom Right: Nichole Jonker had plenty of reason to smile after making all-conference and leading the PSAC in three-point baskets for the second straight year. After a shaky, injury-plagued 4-6 start, the Vulcan women won 11 of their next 15 games and finished with a 15-12 overall record, giving Cal its ninth winning season in 10 years. The third-place finish in the PSAC-West secured a sixth PSAC playoff appearance in nine years. All 11 Vulcan women made solid contributions in 1996-97. Junior Jenn Phillips was a part-time starter and will provide senior leadership next season. Besides Presley, first-year players such as Kathy Harris, Kristy Shunk and Michelle Dyck all gained valuable experience while sophomore Debbie Dove returned from a knee injury that sidelined her during the 1995-96 season. A heartbreaking two-point loss at Edinboro on the regular season's final night cost Cal a second-place PSAC-West finish and homecourt advantage for the playoffs.













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Softball



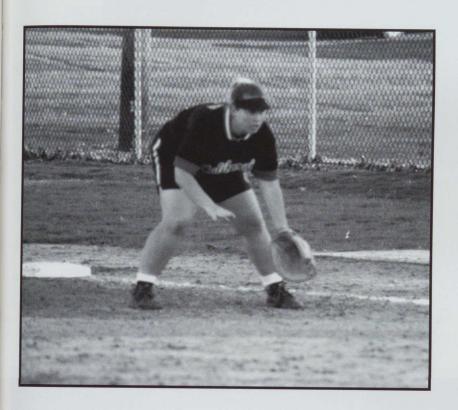
Pictured on this page are Cal's two, first-team national All-Americans who played key roles in Cal's record-breaking season. Junior pitcher Danielle Penner appeared in over 90% of Cal's games and produced an NCAA-record 50-3 mark with 29 shutouts and 354 strikeouts in 316 innings pitched. Her career record at Cal is 95-11 with a senior season remaining. Shown below batting is junior third baseman Lith Webb, who earned first-team All-American honors for the third straight year. "Spider" led the Vulcans in eight different offensive categories, including batting average (.429), home runs (7), doubles (18), hits (75) and stolen bases with 12. Penner and Webb helped the Lady Vulcans cruise to a ninth



straight PSAC-West title and Cal has now won 63 straight divisional games since April of 1994. Cal successfully defended its PSAC title by outscoring Bloomsburg and Shippensburg by a 17-3 combined score in three games at the PSAC tourney and then hosted and won the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional for the second consecutive year. Kerry Novak and Sarah Cassin earned second and third-team All-American honors respectively while eight Lady Vulcans earned all-conference honors. Cal was ranked sixth in the final NCAA II top 20 poll and advanced to the National Tournament for the third time in four years under fourth-year head coach Rick Bertagnolli, the three-time PSAC and Washington County Coach of the Year whose Cal career coaching record is a big-time 184-30.



The Lady Vulcans meeting and congratulating themselves at Lilly Field was a common occurence in 1997 as Cal won a school and PSAC record 53 games. Pictured below handling the first base position, Keri Weaver was one of five Vulcan seniors in 1997 and after three years of hard work Weaver became a starter last spring, excelling also at the designated player position. No softball player in PSAC history played in more games than Cal senior right fielder Kerry Novak, who played in 214 games. Also a standout student, Novak was a first-team GTE CoSida Academic All-American and was also voted the 1996-97 PSAC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the conference's sports information directors.





Softball National Champions



Making their unprecedented mark in Cal athletic history, the 1997 softball team won the hearts of all those who witnessed their brilliant performance at the national tourney in Salem, Virginia. Cal won five straight games to win the school's first-ever NCAA team national title. Penner did not allow an earned run and was named to the national all-tourney team along with Webb, Weaver and Novak. Webb scored both runs in Cal's 2-1 national title win over Wisconsin-Parkside as Novak singled he in with the winning run in the sixth inning. Penner struck out 27 batters in 35 superb innings while freshman shortstop Katie Vaughan delivered the game-winning hits in victories over Cal-Davis and Nebraska-Omaha. The national champions finished with an incredible 53-5 overall record and the 1997 softball team will always and forever be Cal U's first NCAA national champion. The 1997 Cal softball team is also the first PSAC softball team to ever win the national championship.



Simply the Best!

Before defeating Parkside twice along with Florida Southern, Cal-Davis and Nebraska-Omaha at the Nationals, Cal won its second straight NCAA Regional by shutting out Shippensburg twice on Mother's Day by scores of 3-0 and 1-0. Cal saw a school-record 34-game win streak end during the first day of the Regional before not allowing an earned run over its last seven NCAA tournament games. Cal's softball team is the first Washington or Greene County collegiate team to win a national title since 1966.





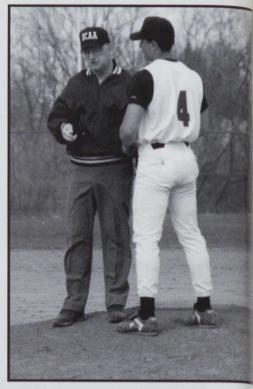


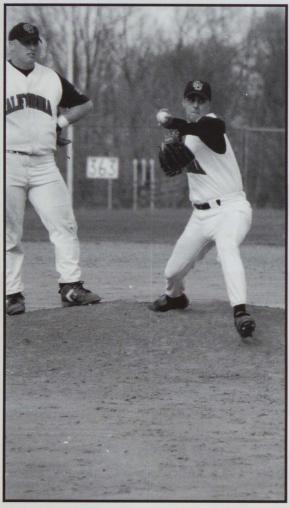


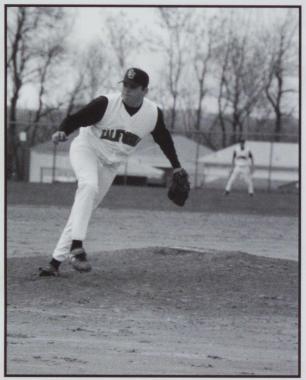
Bad to the Bone!

Baseball – A New Era

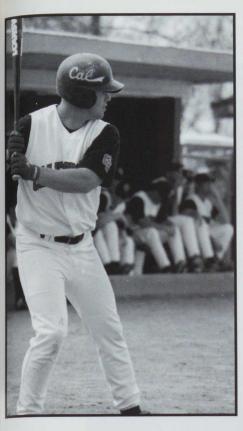
Young, disciplined and enthusiastic, Mike Conte became only Cal's third baseball coach since 1960 and guided the Vulcans to one of their finest seasons ever. Cal rolled to its 17th winning season in 20 years and advanced to the PSAC Final Four tourney for the third time in the 1990's. Cal won 20 of its last 27 games to finish with a 27-16 final overall record and the Vulcans finished a strong second in the PSAC-West with a fine 14-6 divisional record. Cal opened the PSAC Final Four tourney with an impressive 7-4 victory over PSAC-East champion Kutztown before losing to eventual PSAC champion Mansfield (15-13) and eventual NCAA Regional champion Slippery Rock. Six Vulcans received All-PSAc honors as senior outfielder Sean Conway and sophomore relief pitcher Dustin Mattocks were both first-team selections while senior third baseman Brett Shimek, junior shortstop Steve Peterson, senior catcher Dean Minerva and senior ace pitcher Eric Herr all earned second-team recognition. Conte, who guided Cal to its best PSAC-West record in school history is pictured on the right discussing baseball philosophies with an umpire, was selected by his peers as the 1997 PSAC-West Coach of the Year. Below on this page are Cal hurlers Dustin Mattocks and Tim Vickers.



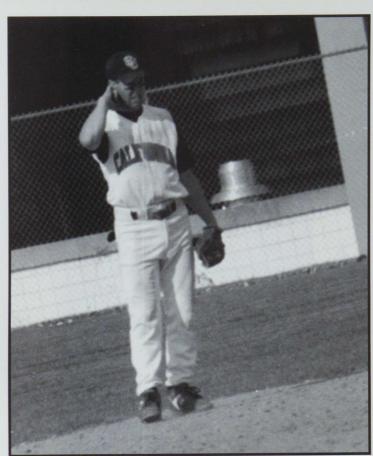


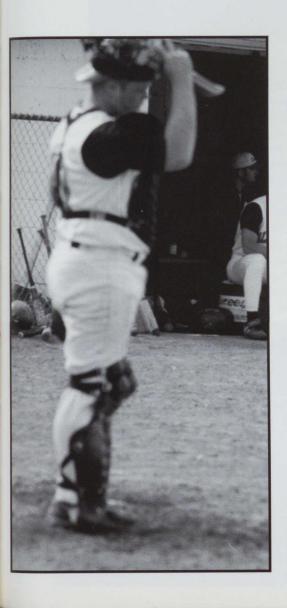


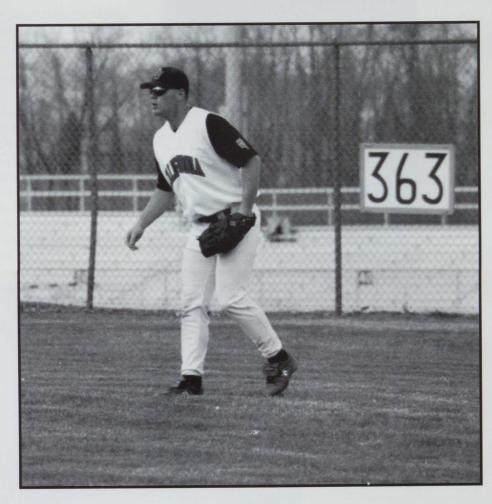
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Clockwise from the above left picture are: Steve Peterson waiting for his cut, steady second baseman Matt Lutz, slugging right fielder Brian Croftcheck (with shades) and hard-working catcher Chuck Groff.







Track & Field







After serving two years as a graduate assistant coach, Ron McMichael began his first season as Cal's head track and field coach and the 1997 season proved to be one of the school's more successful ones. Cal's hard-working women's and men's squads qualified nine student-athletes for the always competitive PSAC Championships which took place at Lock Haven in early May. Cal's nine state qualifiers included: Mike Miller (100 high hurdles/triple jump), Eric Watson (high jump), Aleks Mitrovic (shot put/discus), Kristy Shunk (shot put), Omar McPherson (100 meters), DeWayne Griffith (long/triple jump), Bob Flanigan (steeplechase), Brenda Meiser (high jump) and Brian Ragan (javelin). Shunk placed an impressive second at the PSAC meet while Miller finished third. The 1997 Cal track teams also produced three new school records. McPherson set a new school standard in the men's 100 with a speedy time of 10.7 seconds while Miller established a new record in the triple jump at 47 feet, seven







inches. Freshman Jess Kroft became the first Lady Vulcan to clear seven feet in the pole vault as she cleared seven feet, six inches. Besides increased student participation and consistent improvement, McMichael also got the local community involved or aware of Cal track as the Vulcans finished the year by hosting a 5,000-meter National Road Festival on Sunday, May 18th which started and ended at Cal's Gallagher Dining Hall. Overall, both squads competed in five indoor meets during the winter and five outdoor meets leading into the PSAC meet. Cal qualified just four student-athletes for the 1996 PSAC Championships. Assisting McMichael in 1997 were former Cal track and field standouts Mark Bluman and Christine Czaja. Bluman was also a cross country standout while Czaja was a 1996 All-American in the discus and competed in all of this year's outdoor events (unattached) and continued to dominate in the discus as she took first place four weeks in a row.



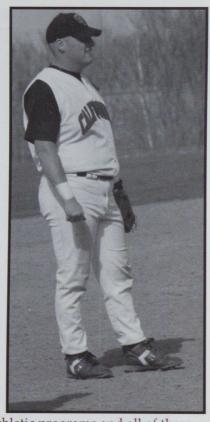








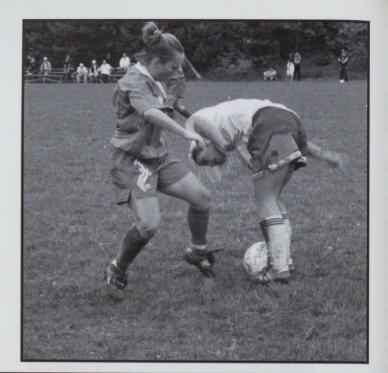
SCENES FROM A SUCCESSFUL SEASON



Cal U has 13 varsity athletic programs and all of these hard-working folks had their shining moments in 1996-97. Third baseman Dean Minerva earned all-conference status for the second straight year while Lady Vulcan senior hoopsters Lisa Briggs, Nichole Jonker and Tricia Hrinda all were honored by the PSAC. Punter/linebacker Jeff Lowden was the PSAC-West's only player selected to the All-American Farm Team while junior defender Audrey Dawson received soccer All-American honors for a second consecutive season. Both Derrick Scott (32) and Rob Jones (30) capped their brilliant careers as repeat first-team, All-PSAC players and guided Cal to a sixth straight PSAC Final Four appearance.



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Two Champs from the National Champions

The 1997 spring athletic season was certainly a memorable one and a time for smiles for Cal fourth-year softball head coach Rick Bertagnolli and star senior right fielder Kerry Novak.

Ever since Bertagnolli became the Lady Vulcans' head coach in 1994, Kerry Novak has been Cal's right fielder. In fact, no softball player in the

history of the PSAC has played in more games than Novak, who played in her school and conference record 214th game when Cal defeated Wisconsin-Parkside 2-1 for the NCAA Division II national crown on Monday, May 19th. It was only fitting that a Novak base hit in the sixth inning scored Lith Webb with the national championship game's winning run. That marvelous May Monday in Salem, Virginia not only capped the greatest athletic season in Vulcan sports history but it also culminated nearly a decade of the Novak family playing a significant role in the rise of Cal softball. Kerry's older sister Erin was Cal's starting second baseman from 1989 through 1992 and then served as an assistant

coach in 1993. Kerry continued the Novak/Cal softball tradition and her career was one for all future and present Cal student-athletes to emulate. Shortly after helping Cal win the national title, Novak was a unanimous selection by the PSAC Sports Information Directors for the 1997 PSAC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. An elementary education major with a 3.53 cumulative grade-point average, Novak was also a first-team GTE CoSida Academic-All-American national selection and a second-team national All-American. Novak batted .383 in 1997 with 14 extra-base hits and a team-high 47 RBI. She was a three-time, All-PSAC selection and two-time All-Region outfielder who was also named to the National Championship All-Tourney squad. Novak

was also named to both the 1996 and 1997 Regional All-Tourney teams. The PSAC's version of Cal Ripken Jr., Kerry is originally from Canonsburg and Chartiers-Houston High School. Kerry is the daughter of Tom and Mary Novak and will student teach in the fall of 1997.

Four years of hard work and preparing

reached fruition in 1997 for Cal softball coach Rick Bertagnolli who coached the Lady Vulcans to the school's first-ever NCAA team national championship. An individual who has graduated all of his players and never experienced a losing season in 12 years of coaching, Bertagnolli guided the '97 Vulcans to a school-best 53-5 overall record with five impressive wins at the national tourney and a school-record 34game win streak. Bertagnolli's remarkable record at Cal is 184-30 and Cal is an incredible 69-1 against the PSAC-West with a 63-game PSAC-West winning streak heading into 1998. Along with the coveted national title. Coach "Bert" has also guided the Lady Vulcans to two straight PSAC titles,

four west crowns and three trips to the National Championship Tournament in four years. Deservedly, Bertagnolli was named the 1997 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) National Coach of the Year for the entire NCAA Division II. He has also been the NFCA Region (Mid-Atlantic) Coach of the Year, PSAC-West Coach of the Year and Washington/Greene County College Women's Coach of the Year each of the past three years. The fiery Bertagnolli is originally from Benld, Illinois and has a brilliant cumulative coaching record of 447-80 which includes previous coaching stops at South Carolina-Spartanburg, Wabash Valley Community College (IL), Civic Memorial High School and Bunker Hill High School.

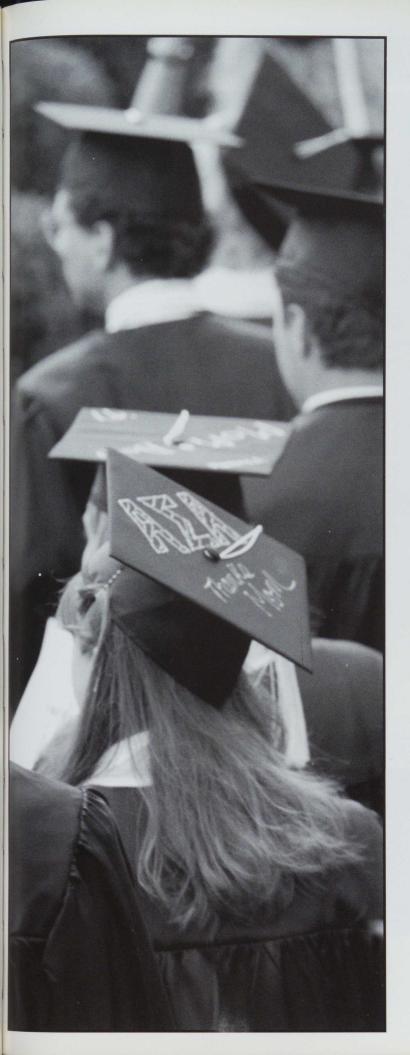


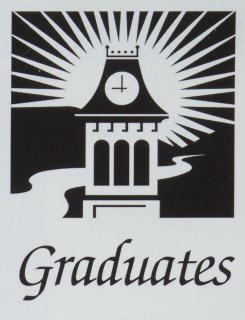
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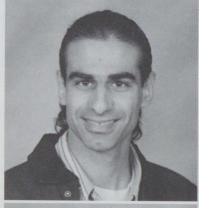




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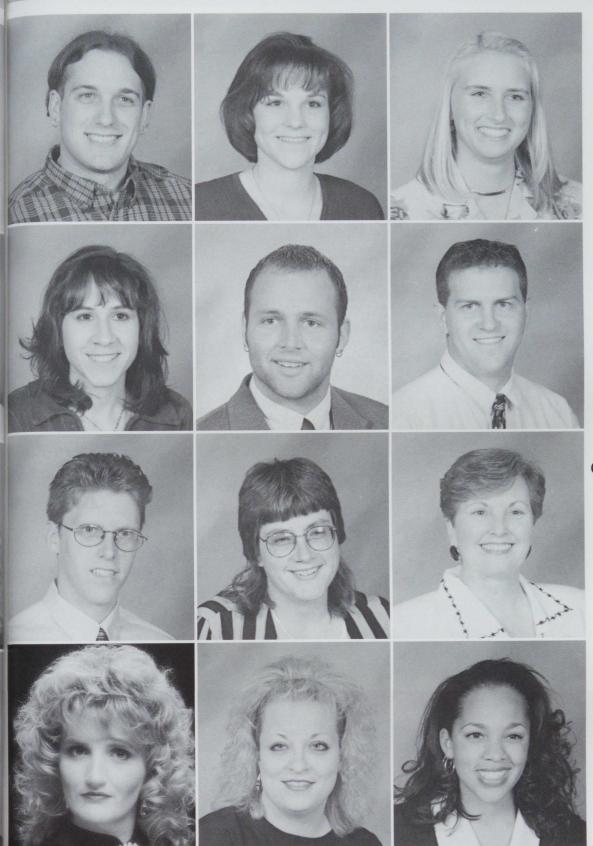
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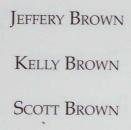
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Family Tradition: Mother/Daughter Walk Together

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The DeBlasio's really believe in family tradition. Michelle DeBlasio is a 25-year-old who received her master's degree in special education this spring. She has shared the limelight with another family member, Ricki Deblasio, who completed the requirements for her master's degree in counseling this past December.

The unique aspect is that Michelle and Ricki are daugh-

ter and mother and both completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees at Cal U.

At a time when most college students don't see much of their parents, Michelle found herself spending a lot of on-campus time with her mom. "My mother was really my advisor," Michelle said. "Since she received her bachelor's degree in special education, she was

able to tell me what classes to schedule, what to watch out for and which professors to take."

Ricki added, "Actually, it was kind of a comfortable feeling that we were both there . . .and I don't think she was embarrassed of me. Michelle is very creative and helped me'with what I was doing. So it was twofold; we helped each other."

Living in Canonsburg, the duo often commuted to California together. This sometimes created waiting problems and when friends greeted Michelle and asked what she was doing, she did feel awkward saying, "I'm waiting for my mother to take me home."

There was a bit of friendly competition. "My goal was to reach the same GPA as my mother's in special education, but I didn't reach it," Michelle grinned. "She set really high standards."

Ricki commented, "I think older students may make better grades and Michelle had some self-imposed pressure to do well."

Michelle gives her mother a lot of credit for returning to school. "She waited . . .to get her degree," Michelle said. Sometimes she would go out to the garage to have some peace and quiet to study."

Michelle commended her mother's ability to earn her

bachelor's degree in 3 1/2 years. "At the time I didn't think about it, but now I can appreciate it. She put a lot of work into it, but it was worth it," stated Michelle.

Ricki noted that after her youngest child was in elementary school, she wanted to do something to get out of the house. She originally set a goal to attain an associate's degree, but once enrolled, decided to keep going.

Ricki is now working as an instructional support

teacher in the Canon-MacMillan School
District She intends to continue working in the district with a long-term goal of becoming a school counselor.

After Michelle attained her bachelor's degree, she found work as a substitute teacher in local school districts for a year. "But I didn't like that, so it was either move to find a full-time job or go back to school," explained Michelle.

After receiving a grad assistantship, she returned to Cal U as a full-time student. After graduation Michelle will seek a full-time teaching position. "I would love to teach the primary grades," Michelle confidently said. "I love those kids, it's fun and the ability to handle them just seems to come naturally to me."

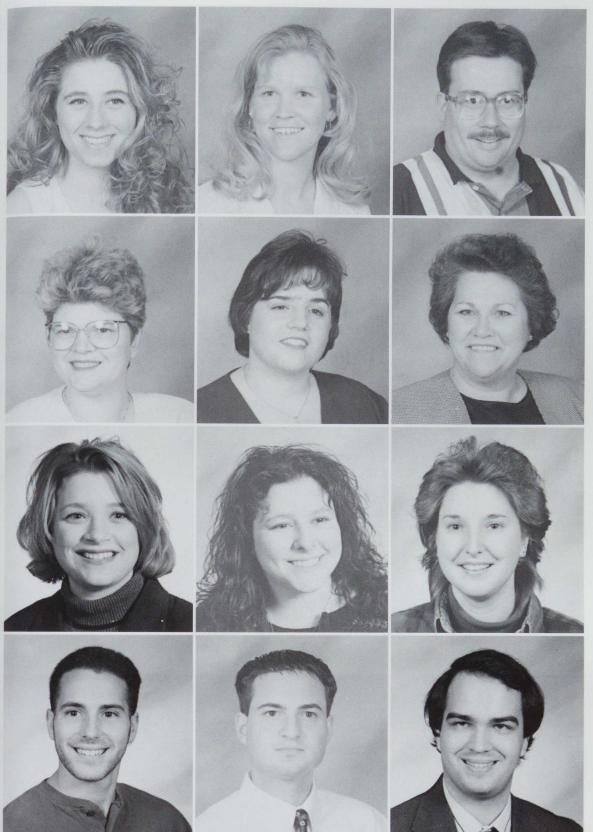
Ricki noted that it was Michelle's decision to go into teaching. "She was born to be a teacher and watching her work with children is a neat experience," Ricki said, "The children really like her."

Michelle confides, "My mother wasn't going to walk a commencement until she found out that I would be walking at the same time. I think we'll have to take a vacation to celebrate."

Ricki summed up her experience at California. "I really enjoyed meeting so many people and have made so many friends,' she said. "it's a comfortable and beautiful college and you get a quality education."

The DeBlasio's are continuing the family tradition of attending college at California. Michelle's younger sister. Trisha, who is a freshman enrolled in the social work program, has the benefit of receiving wise knowledge about all the campus do's and don'ts from her sister and mother.





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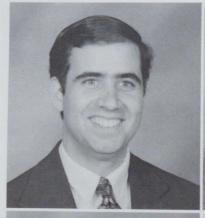
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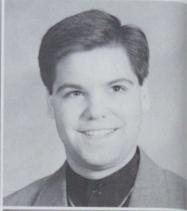
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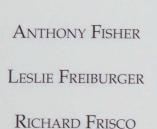
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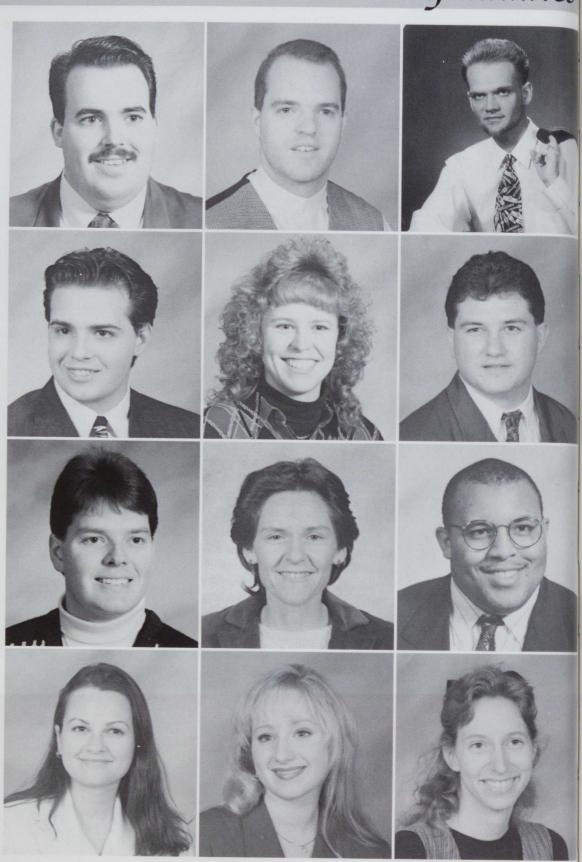
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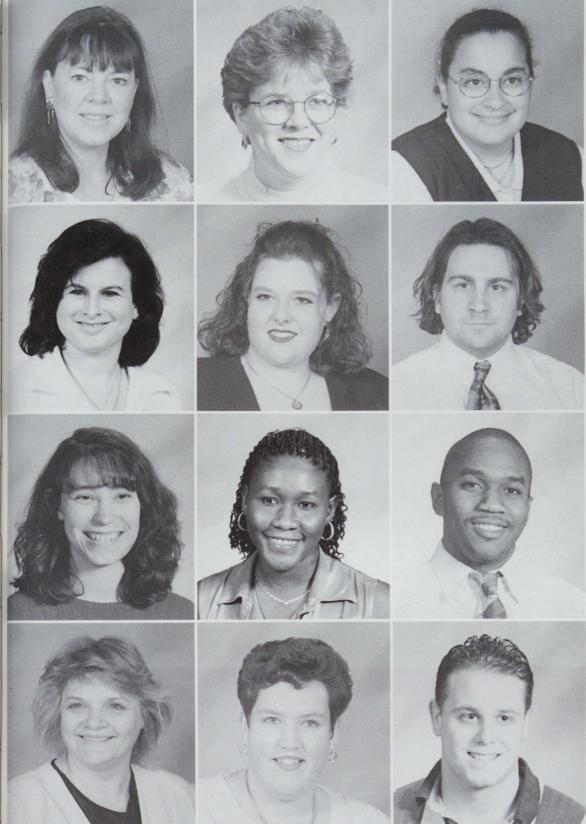
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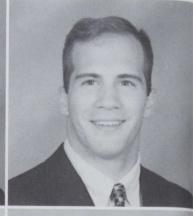
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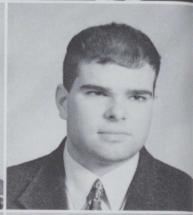
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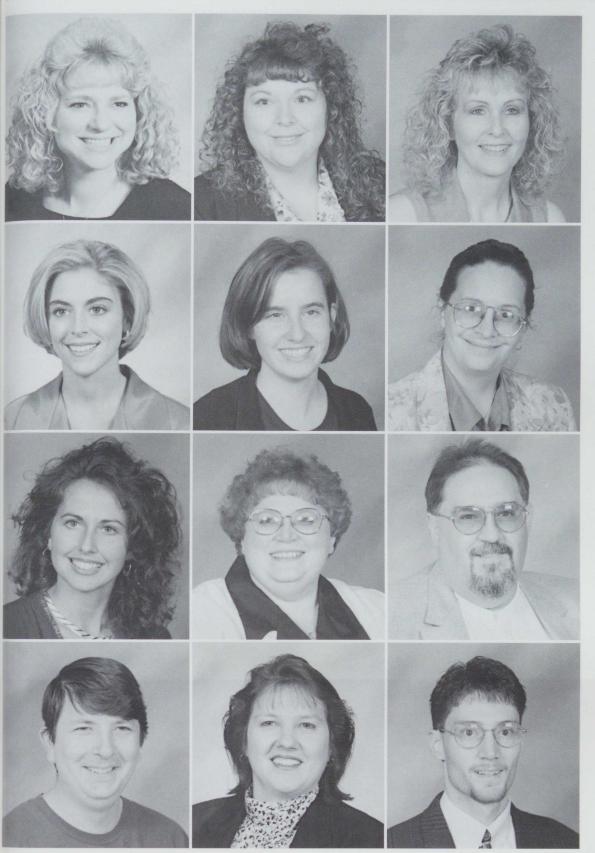


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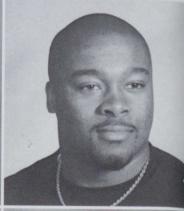
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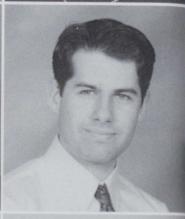
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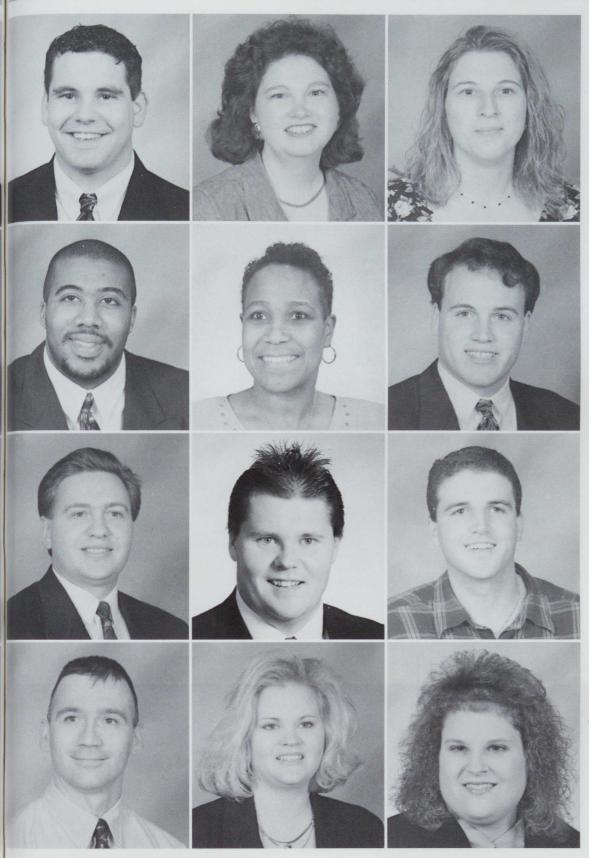
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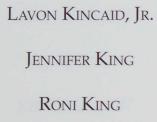
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Vulcan Spirit

Alma Mater

California, Alma Mater,
Now we sing to thee.
California, dear forever
In our memory.
With our voices loudly ringing
Of thy fame we're ever singing.
California, alma mater,
Hail! All hail to thee.

For the friends and joys you gave us
We give thanks to thee.
All thy knowledge we'll make worthy
For posterity.
May thy reign be ever prosperous
And thy fame be ever glorious.
California, alma mater,
Hail! All hail to thee.

Philip Rossi, '37



Vulcan: The Mascot

After a semester-long search for a mascot, the student body and newspaper staff of 1933 of what was then California State Teacher's College chose Vulcans as the nickname for the school's athletic teams.

This Roman god of fire and volcanoes, a rough equivalent to the Greek patron of smithies and metalworking, was perceived as a particularly apt symbol of the school's new Department of Industrial Arts.

The February 15, 1933, issue of the California News declared, "We're proud of California and therefore we want her to have a nickname that will spontaneously roll off the tongues of industrious sports reporters and enthusiastic students."

Throughout California's history, the Vulcan has undergone a number of changes. One logo that survived into the fifties was simply a silhouette of a smith at his forge. In the late sixties, appeared a full-faced Vulcan, who looked not unlike Zeus prepared for a Hollywood screen test. The late seventies featured a hammer-wielding cartoon version of the god.

The Cal Vulcan, by the way, is no kin of Mr. Spock.



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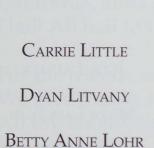
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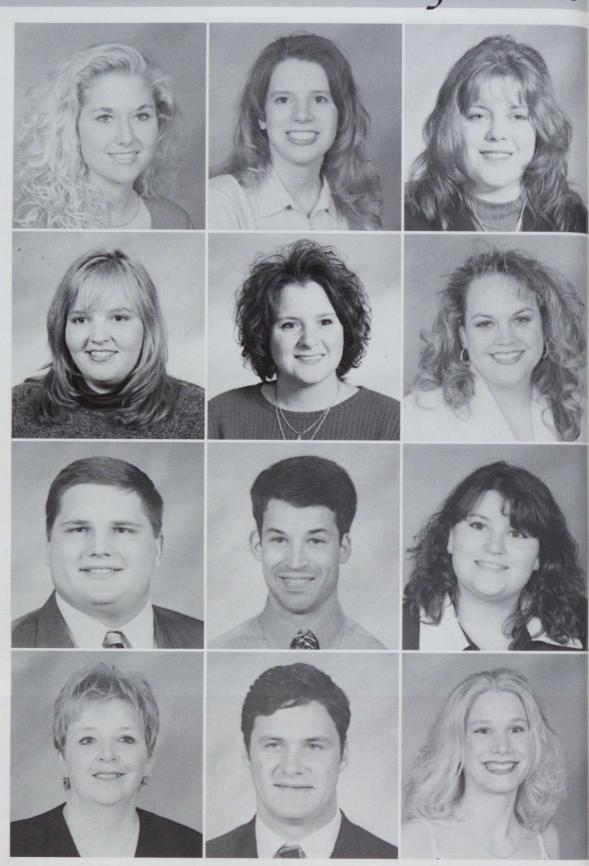


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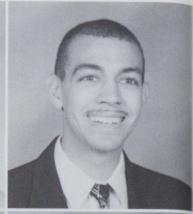
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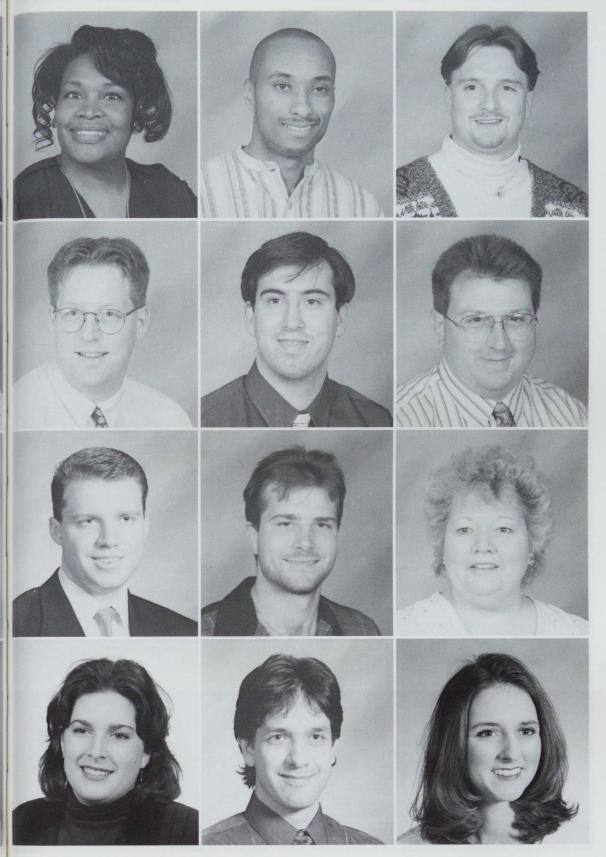
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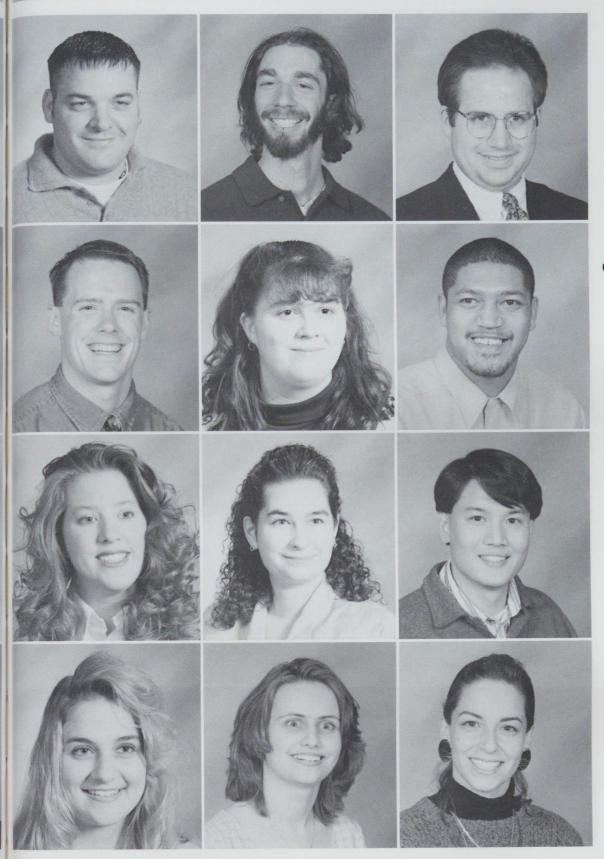
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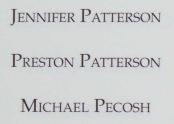
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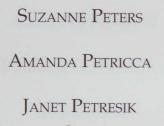
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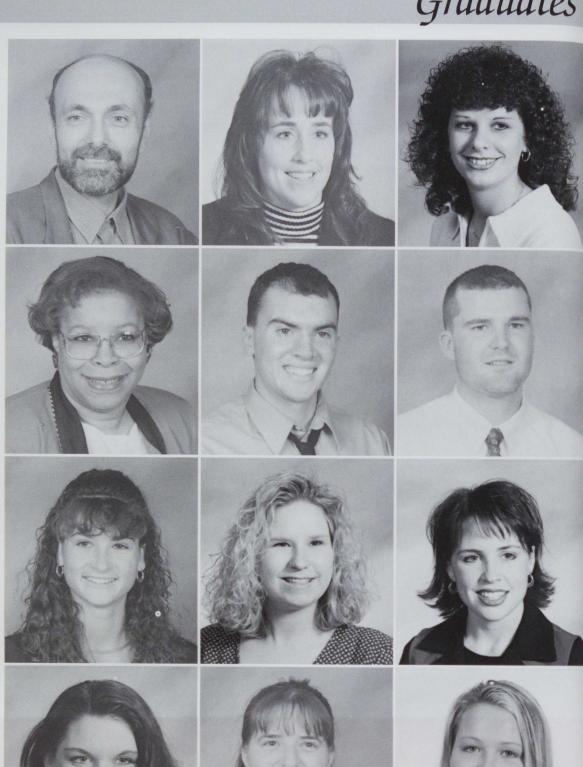
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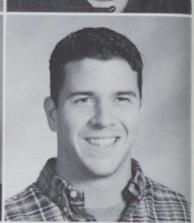
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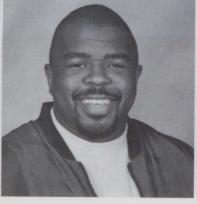


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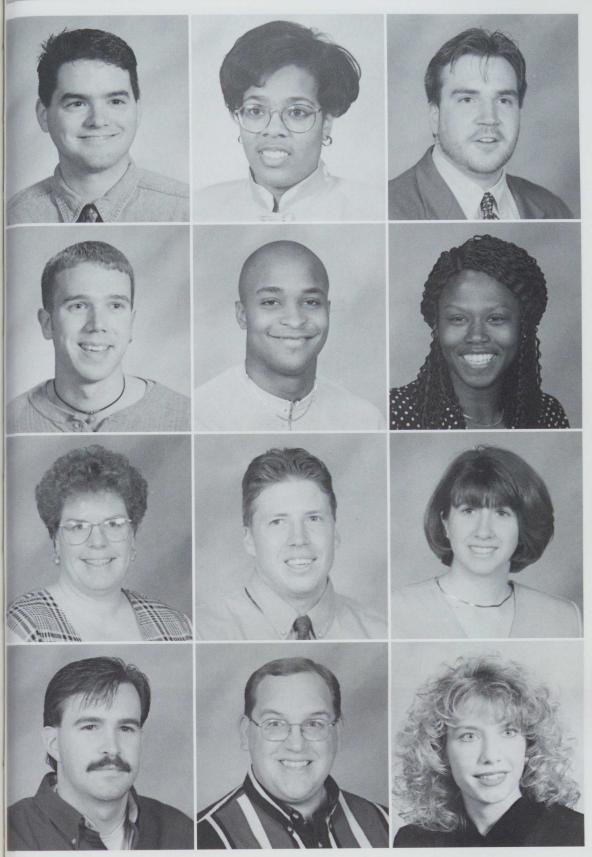
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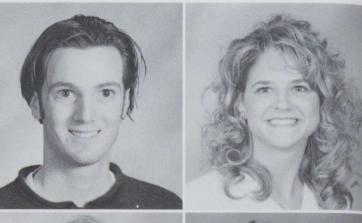
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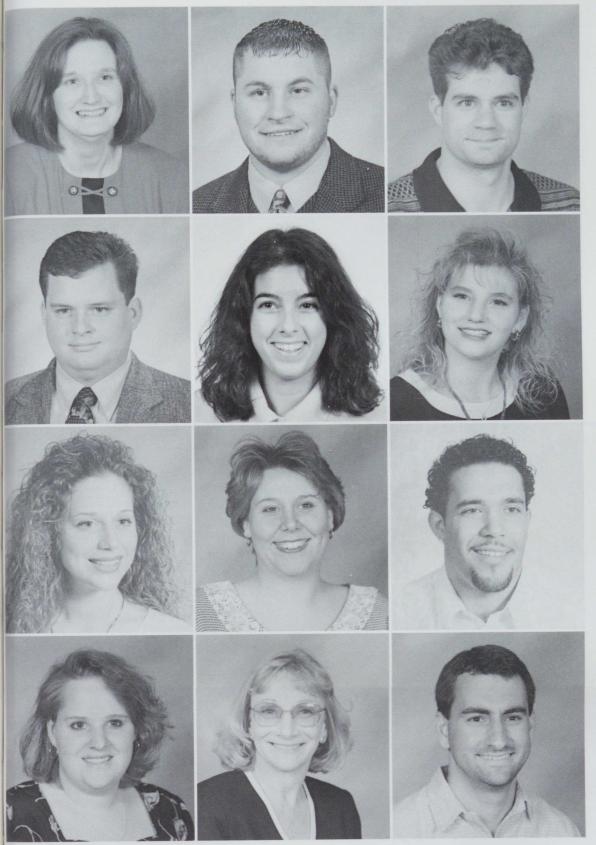
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A Final Look...

as we venture to the future.





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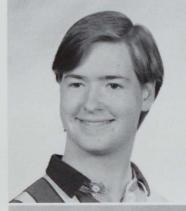




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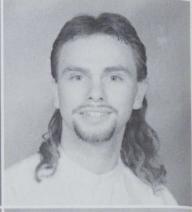
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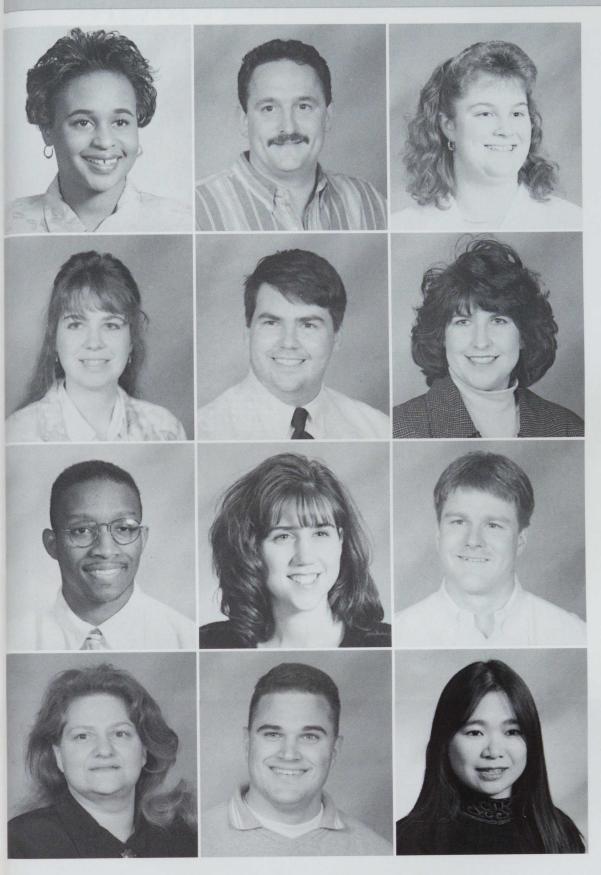
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